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In recent years, advances in emergency medicine have made dramatic improvements in the quality of patient care and survival. In turn, these advances have made it possible to perform several life-saving procedures in the field that previously were relegated to the hospital setting.

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The intraosseous infusion system facilitates vascular access for administering fluids and medications and is considered a critical intervention by most EMS personnel.

As a small, predominantly volunteer department, funding is always a key issue for the Minerva Park Fire Department. Its budget juggles indispensable needs, such as maintenance of the ambulance, replacing drugs and other supplies, and equipping the Fire Department to perform to the highest standard of patient care.

To supplement the existing budget, they graciously accept donations from community members and organizations offering financial support.

The MP Fire Department would like to implement both capnography and the intraosseous infusion system by the 3rd quarter 2012 at a cost of approximately $7,500. If you or an organization you’re associated with would like to contribute directly to the fund especially set up for this equipment, please contact MP Fire Chief Rick Hoechstetter (614-882-3375, firechief@minervapark.org) for more information. Be assured, your contributions will be used only for the purchase of this needed equipment. Checks should be made payable to “Village of Minerva Park,” noting “EMS Special Equipment Fund” on the memo line.

Your dedicated EMS responders of the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department are committed to the health and safety of our community and those they serve. Thank you for your support.

Garage Sale

MPCA Seeks Chairperson

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

The Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship began many years ago to honor a resident who passed away. Her husband, Jim, still lives in Minerva Park ... you will see him mowing the public grounds.

The scholarship is funded by the Minerva Park Community Association. For 2010, the MPCA board voted to remove the scholarship from the budget, which at the time consisted of two $250 awards. For 2011, the MPCA reinstated the scholarship with some changes. It is now a $500 scholarship available to a 1st-year college student who is a resident of Minerva Park and a current member of the MPCA, under 21, and accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

Also, a new point system for deciding how to award the scholarship was instituted, including points for extracurriculars, length of residence and membership in the MPCA, GPA and class standing, and 3 essays ... where will you be in 10 years, civic engagement (volunteerism) in MP and elsewhere, and your most memorable moment(s) in Minerva Park.

Because we live in such a small community, the MPCA conducts a “blind” judging. I am not on the committee, so I prepare the applications for the 3 committee members who will pick the recipient. It is encouraging to read the intentions and future dreams of our next generation, many of whom have lived their whole lives in our Village.

It makes clear to me that many of the events your Community Association and its volunteers are spending time and money on are well worth the effort. I read about the nature here, Founders Day, Family Fun Night, Lake Clean-up (Service Day), kids’ parties, the pool, and more. We do have great resources within our one square mile.

In closing, the MPCA is doing well, but we could do so much more with more help. Please, if you have any interest, contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

By the way, the recipient of the 2012 Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship will be announced in the June Villager.

Lisa Craddock Thitoff

Minerva Flora News

The MPCA Annual Garden Tour sponsored by the MinervaFlora Committee will take place on Sunday, July 1, from 1p-5p.

If you would like to be on the Garden Tour or assist in judging the Garden Tour, please contact Bob Gale at 882-8622. Participants for the Garden Tour should be identified by May 16.

The Four Season Garden Award this year is mid-summer. Judging will take place early- to mid-July.

SUMMER SERIES

Gas Pump Jockeys

The first of this season’s Minerva Park Annual Summer Music Series will be on Sunday, June 10, from 5p-6:30p at the lakeside bandstand. The concert will feature the GAS PUMP JOCKEYS from Columbus OH. This 5-piece band will present a show that features great music from the 1960s and 1970s, comedy, retro attire, and props. You will enjoy the music, laugh, and feel like dancing! Learn more about the band at their website ... gaspumpjockeys.com.

Service Day

Saturday, May 19
8a-noon

Breakfast and a light lunch will be provided for workers.

We fill focus on the trash in the ravine. Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building.

David Way
895-9963
Even though the spring weather has been a little odd, I am looking forward to the warm summer weather. As in past years, I caution you to please drive carefully with so many of our little residents out and about and many of us are frequent walkers, runners, and cyclists.

It was nice to receive so many nice comments about last month’s Villager. Many thanks to Editor Sharon Bierman and to all of the department heads, staff members, and other contributors to the 2011 Year in Review reports.

**Pool:** Discount Membership Day, held on April 15, was very successful. We registered 144 memberships and collected fees exceeding $30,000, an amount that is unprecedented in past years. Like all other municipal and private pools, our success depends on good weather, so keep your fingers crossed. Many thanks to my Assistant Sara Schumacher, Fiscal Officer Nancy White, Pool Manager John Friedel, and Clerk of Courts Christy Williamson for processing all of these folks so efficiently in the three short hours allotted for this event. We are certainly off to a good start for the 2012 pool season. If you are not a member or haven’t even visited our beautiful pool, I would encourage you to do so. Opening Day is planned for Saturday, May 26 at noon.

**2012 Street Project:** To review the schedule for milling and filling Jordan Road, Park Lane Court, and Park Lane Drive, engineering will begin May 2, bids will be advertised during the weeks of June 11 and June 18; Fiscal Officer Nancy White and I will accept and open bids on June 29. Council will review the bids at the July 7 work session and award the contract at its July 9 regular Council meeting. Our Village Engineer, Councilman Charles Legg (Streets Committee chair), our Fiscal Officer, a representative from the company awarded the contract, and I will have a pre-construction meeting on July 16, and the project should begin by the following week. We hope to complete the project before school begins on August 15. Residents affected by the project will receive updates via flyers and posted signs as needed from the construction company. As always, we will do our best complete the project in a timely manner with the least amount of inconvenience to our residents. Please contact Councilman Legg or me if you have any questions.

**Community Service Day:**
Many thanks to Tim Clouse, former Councilman Matthew Danzuso, Emma & Katie Friend, MPCA’s MinervaFlora Chair Bob Gale, Fire Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Shae, Sydni, & Teresa Johnson, MPCA MinervaFlora Committee member Janet Kohn, Kaily Monaco, Timothy Nourse, Howard & Rachel Rosenzwig, Maddie & Sara Schumacher, Rex Shoemaker, former Councilman Kent Stanley, and Councilman Dave Way for all of their hard work on April 26. If I missed anyone, I apologize, but I am taking this information from the sign-in sheet. Although we expected rain all day, we were fortunate in that it held off for most of the morning. Thanks to Sara, Howard, Tim, and Rick, we were able to remove enough trees and brush that we easily saved the Village between $500 and $600. That is only one reason why participating in these Community Service Days is so important. Other than the satisfaction of giving back to your Village, ultimately we save tax dollars. Any tasks that could be completed by volunteers but are not will result in having to either hire a tree company (very expensive!) or be done by a paid maintenance person, depending, of course, on the jobs that need to be done. It was unbelievable what just a handful of us accomplished in a few short hours on Saturday. The next Community Service Day will be on May 19, so please meet at the Community Building at 8 a.m.

**Earthen Dam:** At my request, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) conducted a safety inspection of our earthen dam, more than 100 years old. I received the report late in April. As expected, some repairs are needed. As you can imagine, this may prove an expensive venture. I have been in contact with the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) once again to discuss opportunities for financial assistance through their Ohio Dam Safety Loan Program. Throughout the years, we have made some good contacts at this agency. More on this later.

All Council members were present at the regular Council meeting held on April 9. The
following reports were made:

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that the Medic received repairs totaling $1,200, which included replacing the front ball joints and a front tire, and an oil change. There was some discussion about the cost of replacing the vehicle in the future; there is approximately $55,000 in the Vehicle Fund. Councilman Legg asked if Gahanna had been approached about servicing the EMS vehicle because they service the police cars. Chief Hoechstetter will look into it and report at a subsequent meeting.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported that Officer Curt Kelly is now a full-time officer and is in the process of being trained as our lead investigator. Cruiser #3 was involved in a collision (not our officer’s fault) and was ruled a total loss. The insurance company will pay total replacement value. The Council approved the purchase of a 2009 Dodge Charger with approximately 56,000 miles at a price not to exceed $22,000, including making it ready for service.

The Council is considering legislation to conduct feasibility studies to partner with other municipalities for various services (Grandview Heights, Franklin & Sharon Townships, and the Village of Valleyview). These studies will be funded through a grant.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays reported that at the April 3 Zoning Meeting that a fence and two home-based business permits were approved. A contractor asked for a preliminary look-see discussion about building homes on two vacant lots in the Village. Officer Hays has written violation letters to three retail center owners about accumulated trash and debris behind and around the properties and fence and parking area issues.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Councilman Dave Way reported for MPCA president Lisa Craddock Thitoff. There was no formal March meeting because of a lack of a quorum. At the annual NCC Awards Banquet in March, residents Glenda & Andy Morris and Marilyn Herboldzheimer received the President’s Award for their service to the Village, and the Village received the Best Events Award for the Annual Christmas Carriage Rides. Excessive weeds at the newly planted beds at the some of the entrances will be remediated by Oakland Nursery.

**Northland Community Council:** Mayor Eisentrout reported for Bob Gale. Hannah Jones of the 200 Neighborhood Gateways Program discussed their signage developed for Columbus neighborhoods and the criteria that needed to be followed to qualify. NCC President Emmanuel Remy and the Education Committee met at DeSales High School with various public, private, parochial, and charter school staff to begin a dialogue regarding the needs of these schools and how the NCC might assist them. The former Toys-R-Us site will be become a charter school. Litigation continues against the Dockside Dolls owners. The Northland Fourth of July Parade Marshall will be Fran Ryan. Shredding Day will be held on May 12 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at St. Francis DeSales, 4212 Karl Road.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Dave Way reported that a 5K run/walk would be held on April 21. A Community Committee meeting would be held on April 23 to discuss the upcoming Service Days (April 28, May 19, and May 26) and the Veterans Memorial. Children’s Safety Day is scheduled for June 30, and National Night Out is scheduled for August 7.

**Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry requested that approval of the March financials be tabled. Fiscal Officer Nancy White reported that last year the Auditor’s Office asked for bids for the audits scheduled from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. The bid was awarded to Kennedy, Cantrell, and Richards at 210 hours for the 2010 & 2011 audit in the amount of $13,650 and the 2012 & 2013 audits in the amount of $14,070.

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

- Resolution 2012-3 - General
Liability Insurance for May 2012 - May 2013, tabled.
Resolution 2012-4 - Pool Vending Machines contract, 3rd reading, passage.
Resolution 2012-6 - Requesting an estimate of revenue for a 5-mill Replacement Levy, 2nd reading.
Resolution 2012-7 - Submitting the question of a 5-mill Replacement Levy, 2nd reading.
Resolution 2012-8 - Placing the issue on the ballot for a 5-mill Replacement Levy, 2nd reading.
Resolution 2012-9 - Opposition to state-control of local tax collection, 2nd reading.
Resolution 2012-10 - To settle a moral claim, 3 readings waived, passed as an emergency.
Resolution 2012-11 - Purchasing a police cruiser, 3 readings waived, passed as an emergency.
Ordinance 1-2012 - Garage Sales, 2nd reading tabled.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter had no report.
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Resolution 2012-2 - Appropriation for pool maintenance.
Resolution 2012-5 - Appropriation for pool maintenance.

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Edited by Lynn Dosky

The Villager continues its periodic personal-interest feature about MP residents to get to know people in our special Village and to deepen the sense of community. We believe that there is safety in numbers, and the more neighbors we know, the safer we are. The feature is personal in nature and not a business advertisement.

If you want to be featured (or you want to nominate a MP neighbor), send your full name (or neighbor's name) and your contact information to Rose Hart (rose_hart@hotmail.com). Please make the subject of your email “Getting to Know You.”

Alice Paugh

How long have you lived in MP? What is your occupation and your most interesting job? June 2012 will mark 45 years of living in MP. Fifteen years ago, I retired as the Executive Director of the Columbus Cancer Clinic. I started there 60 years prior, working as a volunteer for the Cancer Rays. This was the most satisfying job. I worked with a great staff and saw the introduction of exciting new developments, such as the mammography machine in 1980s, counseling services, and a mobile mammography unit. We had visiting nurses before hospice began. It was a free service then. I still volunteer for Cancer Rays. Money is used exclusively for cancer patients’ needs. Helping cancer patients makes me feel worthwhile.

What do you like and dislike about living in MP? I've always enjoyed the view from my home. In fact, my house is almost like living on an island. I love the community, the surroundings, and the unique houses. Nothing compares to MP in the winter, when snow is on the ground and it's like a crystal heaven. The community is slow and calming, and everything we need is close by. But the changing surrounding community is disturbing to me.

What is interesting about you that your neighbors may want to know? What are your hobbies? I graduated from Ohio State in retail merchandising. I worked at the Union downtown, the Union on the Ohio State campus, and then at Morehouse Fashion in downtown Columbus. I enjoy making Christmas stockings, tree skirts, and other holiday decor. Each of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren has one.

Where have you lived before? Are there other ties to MP in your family? In 1928, when I was born, my grandfather moved to MP when there were only five houses here! I was born and raised in the Linden area, in the first graduating class from Linden McKinley High School in 1945. The high school expanded by one grade every year so my class was always the senior class until graduation. Thirty-nine years later, I moved to MP with my husband because he fell in love with the house by the North Lake. My husband was part Cherokee, and he loved cats. The stone cat was my present to him. He started the Civic Association. A bench in his honor faces the South Lake. He never wanted to move from MP. He died five years ago.

Is there anything you’d like to add? In the late 1970s, the Division of Wildlife brought 30 pairs of Canada geese to Ohio, and now they are entrenched all over the state. They really like the South Lake and live on my front lawn. I've been blessed with parents, grandparents, four children, nine grandchildren, and recently a sixth great-grandchild. I've always loved that this community gave me serenity and peace after a hectic day.

Editor's note: Because of the aggressive nesting geese on the front lawn, I carried a stick and had to enter via the back door.
**Easter Egg Hunt**

This year’s Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 was held near Minerva Park Pool, a location used in years past. Returning to the pool location was prompted by new insurance paperwork for a permit to use school grounds.

The beautiful day brought a wonderfully big crowd of children who patiently waited for the start of the hunt. In just a few minutes, more than 1,200 eggs were picked by more than 80 children. Many posed for photos with the Easter Bunny and visited with friends and neighbors. The children received a small prize and seedlings from the Green Team of zinnias, marigolds, or sunflowers.

Thanks to Mindy, Andy, Teresa, Shae, Sydni, Emma, Kate, Michala, Kaylee, Alan & Nyda, Lisa & Steve, Green Team growers, and the Easter Bunny for their help this year!

**Art in the Park**

The 1st biannual Art in the Park, sponsored by your MP Community Association, was held in the Community Building on a beautiful, warm, and sunny Sunday, April 29. Ten artists showed and sold their works, including 3 residents and 1 former resident (whose mother still resides here). Art and crafts, including jewelry, floral design, stitched items, garden art, photography, and handmade soap, were available. Look for the next art show near Christmas.

**Northland Clean-up Day**

Saturday, June 2, 2012
9a to noon

Meet at the Sharon Woods Center behind Jiffy Lube (1800 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.) to help remove trash and debris from St.Rt. 161. Call Dave Cooper (888-2201) for information.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- June 10 - Summer Music Series
- June 23 - Family Fun Night (pool)
- July 1 - Garden Tour
- July 14 - Wine & Cheese (pool)

**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 8 & 22 at 5p. If you have questions, please call 882-1408 (Community Building).

**March 2012**

- Citation payments .................... 75
- Village General Fund ........$4,082
- Computer Fund ....................$178
- Remitted to the State ......... $1,523
- Total Court Receipts .........$5,956

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Community Garden Update

By Karen Cogley

As of mid-April, 17 of the 19 garden plots have been reserved, so there might be an opening if you’re interested. **The final deadline is May 15.** A 100 sq.ft. plot rents for $25 for the entire growing season, April through October. Plots are 4’x25’ or 10’x10’. To check for availability, contact Karen Cogley at 899-2024 or octokaren@aol.com (please put “Garden Plot” in the subject line).

Some gardeners have planted early spring vegetables, such as beets, chard, leaf lettuce, onion sets, peas, radishes, and spinach. What wonderful contributions to a cool healthy summer salad!

Most gardeners like to talk about their efforts in the garden, so if you’re out walking, bicycling, or driving by, please visit with us when we’re working in our gardens, at the south side of Hawthorne Elementary School at 5001 Farview Road. You’ll know it by the compost bin at the back of the gardens and the two blue water tanks at the middle.

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March - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest, transported to the Franklin County jail.
3-2 .... 10:28a, Westerville Auto Group, 5309 Westerville Rd, vandalism reported
3-5 .... 10:19a, Mini-storage Depot, 5199 Westerville Rd, grant theft reported
3-8 .... 9:30a, Westerville Auto Group, vandalism reported
3-19 .. 11:09a, 5200 blk Westbridge Rd, burglary reported
3-26 .. 2:20a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd, assault, domestic violence
Self Defense Training

The self-defense class offered by Police Chief Kim Nuesse was very informative and short. She taught the attendees not how to fight, but how to stay out of a bad situation or how to get out of one. Suggested reading is The Gift of Fear by Gavin de Becker.

If you have interest in attending a future class, please call Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2166.

Village Financials

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

March 2012

Beg balance general fund ............... $211,912.73
Revenue collected ...................... 270,620.02
Expenses .................................. (107,879.04)
Ending balance .......................... $374,653.71

March 2012

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

March 2012

In March, Medic 119 made 46 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 6 into Minerva Park, with 36 patients transported to local hospitals.

27 members volunteered a total of 670.1 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,964 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Brian Horton (63.5 hours), Jodi Lewis (55.5 hours), and Cory Hutchinson (54.7 hours).

MP Runs

3-2 ...... Ill person
3-3 ...... Nose bleed
3-3 ...... Ill person
3-11 .... Difficulty breathing
3-15 .... Shortness of breath
3-17 .... Difficulty breathing

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Next deadline:
Wednesday, May 23, 5p

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