Your $20/year Community Association Dues
Underwrite Several Village Events ...

Community Association
Membership Drive - Aug 1-12
Update your entry in the MP Resident Directory - call 890-2427
... Are you enjoying the benefits of living in Minerva Park? Then it's time for you to get involved and help keep our Village vibrant and strong. Here are some of the many ways you can help - either as an officer or as a volunteer throughout the year. Call 891-2166 and give back to your own community!

Special Projects
This past year …
• landscaping the South Lake spillway and several Village entrances

Meet the Candidates
Wine & Cheese Evenings

Sympathies
Sunshine Committee

Pool Family Fun Night
Easter Egg Hunt
Scholarship

Minerva Flora News
and last, but not least!

Summer Series
Green Team

Publicity Committee
Duck Award

Garden Awards & Garden Tour
Villagers

Newcomers

Halloween Party

Christmas Carriage Rides
Resident Directory
Children’s Christmas Party

AUGUST DATES
4 (9a-4p) …… Village Garage Sale
7 (6p-8p) ……… National Night Out
7 (7:30p) ……… Planning & Zoning
11 (8a) ……… Council Work Session
11 ………… MP Camp-out & Picnic
13 (7p) ……… Council Meeting
14 (5p) ………… Mayor’s Court
15 (7:30p) ……… MPCA Meeting
18 (9p-midnight) … Wine & Cheese
18 (5p) ………… Villager Deadline
21 (7:30p) ……… Green Team
28 (5p) ………… Mayor’s Court
$20 MPCA Dues Pays for ...

By MPCA President, Lisa Craddock Thitoff, 891-2166

The MP Community Association's membership drive runs Aug 1-12. You may have been contacted by our team of volunteers, collecting the $20 ($1.67/month) membership dues. If not, they will be knocking on your door soon.

This past year's dues helped fund 3 children's parties; the Duck Award for outstanding Minerva Park citizen; the Newcomers, Publicity, Sunshine, MinervaFlora and Green Team committees; membership in the Northland Community Council; a $500 scholarship for graduating high school seniors; the Summer Music Series; the annual Garage Sale and annual Carriage Rides; Candidates Night; pool events such as Wine & Cheese and Family Fun Night; the Resident Directory; and your monthly newsletter, the Villager. This past year, we also re-landscaped 6 of the 7 entrances into Minerva Park and the spillway on the south lake.

These dues are important - without them, we couldn't support all of these events, which help foster a sense of community to our neighborhood. They set us apart from others. As always, we are looking for people to give their time, so, if you are interested, please contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

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We are not likely to forget the rain and wind storm of June 29 any time soon. We were fortunate that our power was restored more quickly than was predicted. Most of our residents were up and running by the Sunday or Monday after the storm. We had a variety of problems - arcing and hanging wires, exploding transformers, and, of course, fallen and uprooted trees. The AEP and Asplundh Tree Service crews did a great job responding to these emergencies and worked 16-hour days to restore our service. I was very impressed with how courteous everyone was to the crews working in our Village and how helpful you all were to one another. I saw sharing of generators and refrigerator or freezer space to preserve food, and even some cookouts to use food that would have eventually spoiled. Once again, we all have pulled together in the face of adversity when something unforeseen comes our way.

**Golf Course:** As I have indicated in past reports, I have been in contact with the property owners in case a developer indicates an interest in purchasing the property. One developer has. We are in the very early stages of talks, and no agreement has been reached between the buyer and the seller, nor has a contract been signed. The Village submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the golf course owners on June 29 for "the Village's intent to purchase property to adequately support a 9-hole golf course, including appropriate additional land and support facilities, at a price to be mutually agreed upon by the Buyer and the Seller." A Letter of Intent is non-binding document sent to convey an interest or intent that an acquisition is being considered seriously. It is not a contract and cannot be enforced. As I am writing this to you, I have not seen plans for developing the property, but I will keep you informed as events unfold. I would expect that a town meeting is in the not too distant future. Please go to minervapark.org/bids/loi.pdf to view the LOI in its entirety.

**Thank You:** I would like to express my appreciation to the gentleman who anonymously donated a U.S. flag to the Village to replace the flag that normally flies at the Community Building. The old flag was destroyed during the June 29 storm.

**Joint Economic Development Zone:** You have no doubt been reading about an agreement being discussed between Blendon Township and the City of Westerville called a Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ). What is a JEDZ? Historically, townships do not collect income taxes and consequently lose revenue to other municipalities. This joint venture will allow Westerville to collect an income tax from businesses in Blendon Township and redirect a portion of these monies to the Township's funds for much-needed infrastructure improvements and redevelopment among commercial districts, including along Westerville Road. It is estimated that the JEDZ could generate up to $2 million. I have spoken with Blendon Trustee Stu Flaherty and met with Bryan Rhoades, Blendon's Development Director. I have been assured that none of our commercial districts is included, and that the golf course property is slated to be excluded. How does this affect taxes you are currently paying? A JEDZ would not raise or increase the taxes of any residents working in other cities, villages, townships that reside in Blendon. This issue will be on the November ballot in Minerva Park because we are a part of Blendon Township. I have been told that the Blendon Township quarterly newsletter will be delivered to us soon and that it will have additional information in it regarding the JEDZ. I have invited Mr. Rhoades to our Candidates Night in October to speak to this issue.

**RITA:** I attended the summer meeting of the Regional Income Tax Agency's (RITA) Council of Governments on June 21. At this meeting, the Executive Director and the Technical, Personnel, and Budget & Finance Committees made their reports. The state tax collection/uniformity issue was discussed. The 2011 Village income tax revenues totaled $270,321.57. Also, I was re-elected as Secretary of the Council of Governments.

**2012 Street Repair Project:** The contract for this project was awarded to Strawser Paving for a bid of $164,304.89. We had a pre-
construction meeting with the company's representative on July 18 to finalize plans before submitting our Request to Proceed to OPWC. We must wait to receive the Notice to Proceed from them before we can begin the project. Residents affected by this project (Jordan Road, Park Lane Court, Park Lane Drive) will be kept apprised of the project's progress with door hangers, and NO PARKING signs will be placed in advance of the milling and filling work that is to be done. If you have any questions, please call either Councilman Charles Legg (home 580-9891) or me (office 882-5743, home 891-0895).

All Council members except David Way (excused) were present at the July 9 Council meeting. The following reports were made:

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that the squad vehicle had been involved in an accident while responding to a call. A motorist traveling at a high rate of speed in the oncoming lanes lost control and slammed into the side of the vehicle. Thankfully, the crew was uninjured, and the damage to the vehicle was minimal so it was able to remain in service. The motorist's insurance is expected to cover the repairs of the vehicle. The old fire hydrants will require new seals, and the newer hydrants need to be fitted with storm seals to prevent future damage. These repairs will likely take place in 2013.

Police: Chief Nuesse reported that the new cruiser should be in service by the end of the month. National Night Out is scheduled for August 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For information about the event, see Chief Nuesse's report on page 5.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays continues to monitor high grass and weeds, the shopping centers, and a pool that was installed without approval.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff reported that the Garden Tour on July 1 had a fair turnout, probably because of the storm. Produce from one of the Community Garden plots may be donated to a food pantry. Family Fun Night was very well attended. The Nancy Fischer Scholarship was awarded to Lakeland Court residents James and Kevin Walsh. Congratulations, graduates! The MPCA is discussing placing luminaries throughout the Village this coming Christmas season.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way was excused. Safety Day was canceled because of the storm.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for an amount not to exceed $2,500 to hire a company to make a one-time sweep (resident’s homes only) through the Village to chip brush, limbs, and branches in the aftermath of the June 29 storm. The Council also approved the June financials in the amount of $90,136.91.

Legislative: Councilman Richard McCreary asked the Council to consider the following legislation (minervapark.org/legislation):

Ordinance 4-2012 - Adopting a Minerva Park Code Section 230.02 regarding sale, trade-in, or other disposition of surplus property. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 5-2012 - Prohibiting the keeping or feeding of wild ducks, geese, or other migratory fowl and other wild animals such as but not exclusively stray dogs, cats, raccoons, deer, and animals classified as rodents within the Village. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 6-2012 - Establishing a special fund for the 2012 Street Repair Project. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency. Note: this line-item fund needed to be created to receive the grant monies from the Ohio Department of Public Works (OPWC). It is, essentially, a pass-through fund.

Resolution 2012-14 - Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into contract for the 2012 Street Reconstruction Project. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency. Note: for obvious reasons, this had to be an emergency to begin and end the project in a timely manner.


Ordinance 3-2012 - Cable Franchise Fee. Withdrawn.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing to report.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia reported that he has contacted several companies about the Leaf Collection Program and that the deadline to receive proposals is August 10.

Streets: Councilman Charles Legg reported that repairing large pot holes on the 161 service road and the alley on Wildwood Road are completed at a cost of $1,400. He received estimates for repairs at the following areas - the Maplewood alley, $3,300; Community Building parking lot, $3,630; asphalt replacement at Minerva Lake Road and Valley Road, $5,700 and $16,000 respectively; repairing a collapsed storm sewer near 2621 Maplewood Drive, $1,800. A resident also asked about repairing or replacing the walking path around the South Lake. These will be discussed at future Finance and Street Committee meetings.
National Night Out

MP Police are sponsoring National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. We are encouraging residents to have cook-outs on their streets during that time, meet and get to know your neighbors. Communities where neighbors know one another are more effective in preventing or intercepting crime. For information, contact Sgt. Jim Boyers or Officer Barry Harp at 882-1408.

New Stop Signs

New stop signs have been placed at the island triangle of Lakewood and Briar Rose, in the southwest side of the Village. This change was made to improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists in the neighborhood in accordance with state requirements. We will continue to monitor the area and have a traffic engineer who will assess the new traffic flow.

Street Numbers

Critical time can be wasted in an emergency situation when Minerva Park Police have difficulty locating your address because of a lack of visible numbers on your home or mailbox. Please take time to make sure your address numbers are reflective and visible before an emergency occurs.

If you need to have a police officer dispatched, call 9-1-1 for emergencies and 882-1223 for all other situations.

Children Home Alone

MP Police have a Children Home Alone Program (C.H.A.P.), allowing parents to register their residence as having teens or pre-teens who are home alone without adult supervision or with limited adult supervision. Police officers will report any suspicious activity at the residence to the parents listed on the form. The program is not a daily check of the home but a periodic check by officers on patrol as they have opportunity to do so. The program also is not a babysitting service, and we are not encouraging people to leave their children home alone expecting the police to look after them. It is a service for our residents who wish to participate. If you want to participate in the C.H.A.P. program, a registration form must be completed by the parent/guardian of the child. Forms can be obtained from the MP Police Department.

Freedom Home Health

Freedom Home Health was founded by professionals who realized there was a better way to provide home health care services. With over 15 years of home health field experience, we work with senior living communities and residents throughout Franklin and the contiguous counties. Our Medicare-certified agency has been deficiency-free with the Ohio Department of Health since its inception, placing best practices as a top priority for Freedom Home Health. Let us show you what we mean when we say, “Good enough isn’t good enough!”

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Butterflies are awesome both because they are beautiful and because they pollinate flowers.

To attract butterflies to your garden, incorporate plants that serve the needs of all butterfly life stages. They need places to lay eggs, food plants for their larvae (caterpillars), places to form chrysalis, and nectar sources.

**Plant native flowering plants**

Because many butterflies and native flowering plants have co-evolved over time and depend on each other for survival and reproduction, it is particularly important to install native flowering plants local to our geographic area. Native plants provide butterflies with the nectar or foliage they need as adults and caterpillars. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has a list of native plants recommended for Ohio. Visit <wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=OH> for more information.

**Plant type and color are important**

Adult butterflies are attracted to red, yellow, orange, pink, and purple blossoms that are flat-topped or clustered and have short flower tubes.

**Plant good nectar sources in the sun**

Your key butterfly nectar source plants should receive full sun from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Butterfly adults generally feed only in the sun. If your sun is limited, try adding butterfly nectar sources to the vegetable garden.

**Plant for continuous bloom**

Butterflies need nectar throughout the adult phase of their life span. Try to plant so, when one plant stops blooming, another begins.

**Say no to insecticides**

Insecticides such as malathion, Sevin, and diazinon are marketed to kill insects. Don’t use these materials in or near the butterfly garden or, even better, anywhere on your property. Even “benign” insecticides, such as Bacillus thuringiensis, are lethal to butterflies (while caterpillars).

**Feed butterfly caterpillars**

If you don’t “grow” caterpillars, there will be no adults. Bring native plants into your garden what will provide food for hungry caterpillars. This can greatly increase your chances of attracting unusual and uncommon butterflies, while giving you yet another reason to plant an increasing variety of native plants. In many cases, caterpillars of a

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**St. Anthony Corn Roast Festival**

**Two Fun Nights!**

Friday, Aug. 24, 6-11 pm
Saturday, Aug. 25, 5-11 pm

Large rides, kiddie rides, “midway” games and more!

Festival food and beverages—including delicious roasted corn.

Face painting, craft tables, dunk tank, fun and games for the whole family!

**Friday, Aug. 24**

Longhorn Casino, 5pm

St. Anthony’s Got Talent! Show, 6pm

Music by DJ Roundboy, throughout the night.

**Saturday, Aug. 25**

Longhorn Casino, 5pm

Music by Debe’Wenig and Bobby Hamlin for 5:00-6:30pm

Spittin’ Image from 7:00-11:00pm

And DON’T forget about...

All-Parish Rummage Sale
Friday & Saturday
10am-9:30pm

Silent Auction • Cake Wheel
Gift Basket Raffle • Grand Prize Raffle

**Texas Hold ’Em Tournament**

Both nights @ 5pm

**Got Talent?**

We’re looking for more local talent for the show on Friday night. Contact Connie at 614-371-0255 to participate. Previews will be held the week of August 1st.

**St. Anthony School**

1284 Unikoff St.

Morse Road

www.StAnthonyColumbus.org
species feed on only a very limited variety of plants. Most butterfly caterpillars never cause the leaf damage we associate with some moth caterpillars such as bagworms, tent caterpillars, or gypsy moths.

Provide a place for butterflies to rest - Butterflies need sun for orientation and to warm their wings for flight. Place flat stones in your garden to provide space for butterflies to rest and bask in the sun.

Give them a place for puddling - Butterflies often congregate on wet sand and mud to partake in "puddling" - drinking water and extracting minerals from damp puddles. Place coarse sand in a shallow pan and then insert the pan in the soil of your habitat. Make sure to keep the sand moist.


MP Camp-out & Picnic
Games, Crafts, Campfire, Fun August 11, Community Building

Join your Community Association and members of the Green Team for a fun-filled evening camp-out in our own beautiful community. Tent set-up is between 4p-6p. This is an alcohol-free event.

Cost - $10 registration per tent and a potluck dish to share. Your registration will cover hot dogs & fixings, s’mores, and breakfast.

Make checks payable to MPCA and drop off at the Community Building. Registration Deadline - August 10

Questions
Hal Howard, 506-0469

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5362 Cleveland Ave. • Minerva Park

We are a Medicare-certified agency, in the business of servicing Central Ohio residents who require home health-care. We have been in business since 2000 and have had an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau because of no complaints, since we opened. We are deficiency-free.

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International Festival
August 25-26
Attend the first annual Northland International Festival on August 25-26 to celebrate the diversity of Northland. We begin the celebration with a parade starting at 10a on Saturday near the fire station in Northland Village, traveling in front of the Department of Taxation building, ending in front of Jobs and Family Services (JFS) & Northland Performing Arts Center (NPAC). The opening ceremony will be at the JFS and NPAC building, with city, county, and state officials presiding, lifting off with the Swan Hot Air balloon. There will be rides available on the balloon for festival visitors at a nominal price. The festival opens immediately after the opening ceremonies and will go until 8p on Saturday. It is open from 11a on Sunday through 5p with a community-wide service, with choirs from more than 12 churches in the community.
Displays and entertainment will be both inside the Northland Performing Arts Center and in the parking area of JFS.
Parking for the event will be available at the Dept of Taxation office building.
There will be booths for vendors of all kinds, representing the diversity of Northland with foods, crafts, entertainment all day, nonprofit displays, history display of Northland, businesses, and political information from candidates. The history display and display by the Northside Health Advisory Committee will be in the NPAC building with running video of the oldest resident of Northland. There will be an active play area for children with bouncy toys, games provided by the YMCA, and fitness displays.
They are taking applications for vendors and entertainment.
More - northlandfest.org
Questions - call 262-5094.
Getting to Know You

The Villager continues its periodic personal-interest feature about MP residents. If you want to be featured (or want to nominate a MP neighbor), send your full name (and resident’s name) and your contact information to Rose Hart (rose_hart@hotmail.com).

Dog Walking
Pet Sitting
Hannah Szlapak
890-4113

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Financials

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

June 2012
Beg balance general fund .......... $392,808.60
Revenue collected ....................... 40,874.37
Expenses ................................ (90,136.91)
Ending balance ....................... $343,536.06

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

June 2012
In June, Medic 119 made 55 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park, with 43 patients transported to local hospitals.
25 members volunteered a total of 750.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 3,969.8 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were
Frank Meredith (101 hours),
Scott Logsdon (94 hours), and
Ambrose Wu (83 hours).

MP Runs
6-3 ...... Dog bite
6-5 ...... Ill person
6-13 .... Chest pains

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The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor’s signature and phone number. The Villager is online at: minervapark.org/villager

Next deadline:
Wednesday, August 15, 5p

Advertise in the Villager ... 899-3755
Ads start at $15 - discount on 6-month contracts

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