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Children’s Christmas Party

This year we moved the December 8 party to the morning and to a different weekend from the carriage ride event. We hoped this was helpful for younger families and busy schedules.

The Community Building was glowing with Christmas lights and decorations. The children made Cheerios bird feeders and a “melted snowman” tree ornament and enjoyed shooting pompons from a handmade launcher. For the little ones, we had a gingerbread playhouse and holiday Mr. Potato Heads.

Everyone snacked on wonderful cookies and cupcakes from the generous Minerva Park bakers. Many of the parents took time to visit with each other, and we welcomed a few new residents, too. The children chatted with Santa and posed for a memorable picture next to the Christmas tree.

Thank you to Deb Ford and Erin Walsh for helping; to Alan Hipolite for changing the times on the entrance signs; to Carolyn Conrad, JoAnn Ralston, Christy Danzuso, and Debra Walsh for baking.

Christmas Carriage Rides

Approximately 280 MPCA members and guests enjoyed the 11th annual Christmas Carriage Rides ...

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Thank you for your generous donations, helping to make Christmas a little bit better for families in Minerva Park and surrounding areas ...

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JANUARY DATES

2 (8:30a) .................. Mayor’s Court
8 (7:30p) ........... Planning & Zoning
12 (7p) .......... Council Work Session
14 (7p) .............. Council Meeting
16 (8:30a) ............ Mayor’s Court
16 (7:30p) ............ MPCA Meeting
18 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
30 (8:30a) .......... Mayor’s Court
**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are January 2, 16, & 30, 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

**November 2012**

Citation payments ............... 54
Village General Fund .......... $2,812
Computer Fund ................. $158
Remitted to the State .......... $925
Cap. Recovery System ......... $122
Franklin Co Muni Court ...... $36
Total Court Receipts .......... $4,052

**Village Financials**

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

**November 2012**

Beg balance general fund ....... $324,463
Receipts .................................. $53,331
Disbursements ....................... ($85,446)
Ending balance ..................... $292,348

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**“Duck Award”**

It’s time to award the Duck Award given to the Minerva Park resident or group of residents who have “made the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life in Minerva Park” in 2012.

Volunteers, elected officials and paid employees are eligible. If there is someone you’d like to nominate, please email Steve Thitoff (sljthitoff@att.net) with a name(s) and a brief statement of their contributions. Deadline for nominations - January 31.

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**Village Premiums**

Underwritten by your $20 MPCA dues
I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

**AEP’s 2013 Tree Trimming Program:** You may have noticed a crew from the Asplundh Tree Service marking trees with blue paint that are scheduled to be trimmed to help avoid potential interference with power lines. They also will leave door hangers explaining the work to be performed. Work is scheduled through February, depending on the weather. Trimming may begin in February but most likely in March, finishing in April. I have met with Asplundh and will keep you informed. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Thank You:** I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who helped with the 11th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides on December 16 ... Karen Cogley, Geri Demoulin, Deb Ford, Bob Gale, Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Linda Natali, Lisa & Steve Thitoff, Sid & Bonnie Townsend, Councilman Dave Way, and Officer Dave Wolfel. Additionally I would like to thank Scout Troop 007 ... Scout Master Sam Austrino, Assistant Scout Master Dick Busick, and troop members Jacob Austrino, Jordan George, Cameron Nield, Dylan & Noah Saunders, Josh Tarr, and Ty Williams. Troop 007 has been at every Carriage Ride event and has been so very helpful that I don't know what we would do without them.

Ironically, even with the balmy weather (it was appx. 60°F when we began), we had fewer residents participate than in the past few years.

**2012 Street Project:** As reported earlier, the project (Jordan Road, Park Lane Drive, Park Lane Court) is finished, and the punch list items have been addressed. We will now submit our Request for Disbursement to OPWC for the grant funds to be released.

**Golf Course:** There is nothing new to add before this issue goes to press, but I have asked the Village Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, our Legal Counsel, and the Fischer staff to meet. Please watch for more information and notices for a Town Meeting in the near future. As always, please contact me with any questions.

**Lost & Found:** One of our little residents left a pink, plastic pumpkin at the Children's Halloween Party. Please contact the Community Building (882-5743) if you think it is yours.

**Christmas Tree Pick-up:** There will not be any specific times for tree pick-up. Put your tree at the curb any time. Please do not leave it in a plastic bag and make sure that all lights, ornaments, and tinsel are removed.

**Council members Park-Curry, Legg, Segovia, Walter, and Way were present at the regular Council meeting on December 10. Councilman McCreary was excused.**

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter met with several companies in his efforts to research billing for EMS runs. To date, there have been 317 billable transports in 2012. This, of course, excludes calls in Minerva Park and Blendon Township. Our Fire Department is the last one in Franklin County not to have EMS billing. He will provide more information at next month's meeting.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported on a recent burglary on the south side. While the suspects were not apprehended, they are described as two black males dressed in black clothing. They entered through an unlocked back door ... jewelry and a flat-screen TV were taken. These individuals appear to be casing homes by walking through our Village and tracking when residents leave. Please report any suspicious activity by calling the Minerva Park Police Department at 882-1223 (Franklin County Sheriff's Office dispatch) or 911 if you believe a burglary is in progress.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays reported that a lot-split was approved at the December Zoning Board meeting.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Mayor Eisentrout reported for MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff. The Festival of Lights judging will occur on
December 16-22. Winners who are MPCA members will receive a $25 gift certificate, and winners who are not MPCA members will be offered a complimentary 2012-2013 MPCA membership. The Children’s Christmas Party was held on December 8 and was well-attended. The Green Team is considering pursuing a Tree City designation for the Village. The Village has been named a Local Green Spot by the City of Columbus.

**Northland Community Council:** There was no report because the December meeting was the Christmas Party, followed by a very short business meeting.

The following committee reports were made:

- **Community:** Councilman Dave Way had nothing to report.
- **Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for payment of the November expenditures totaling $177,529.40.
- **Legislation:** Councilman Richard McCreary asked the Council to consider the following legislation (minervapark.org/legislation):
  - Resolution 2012-30 - Submitting a temporary appropriations budget for the first three months of 2013. 3rd reading & passage. All ayes.
  - Resolution 2012-41 - Affirming the final appointment of Officer Shawn Hensley, declaring an emergency. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Walter, Way. Nays - Segovia. Thus, this became the 1st reading.

- **Resolution 2012-43 - Accepting donated equipment from Homeland Security, declaring an emergency, waiving the three readings, passage. All ayes.**

- **Resolution 2012-44 - Countywide Mutual Aid Agreement, declaring an emergency. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Walter, Way. Nays - Segovia.** Thus, this became the 1st reading.

- **Resolution 2012-45 - Countywide Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement, declaring an emergency. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Walter, Way. Nays - Segovia.** Thus, this became the 1st reading.

- **Resolution 2012-46 - Donation of furniture from the FBI, declaring an emergency waiving the three readings, passage. All ayes.**

- **Resolution 2012-47 - Affirming the final appointment of Officer Barry Harp. 1st reading. Resolution to be updated to reflect Officer Harps full-time status.**

- **Resolution 2012-48 - Revising the 2012 permanent appropriations budget, suspending the rules, waiving the 3 readings, passage. All ayes.**

- **Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter reviewed his report on safety-related (the Police Department) expenses through September 2012.

- **Service:** Councilman Roberto Segovia commented on the Leaf Pick-up Program. He may schedule a Service Committee meeting next month with the Village Engineer relating to the Director’s Findings and Orders.

- **Streets:** Councilman Charles Legg had nothing to report.

- **Old Business:** Chief Hoechstetter discussed the possible appointment of a Service Department that would report to the Communications Lieutenant to reduce costs of idle radio equipment.

- **Resolution 2012-49 - Accepting a donation from Homeland Security, declaring an emergency, waiving the three readings, passage. All ayes.**

In closing, on behalf of my fellow elected officials and our staff, I would like to extend to you all our very best wishes for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

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**Minerva Park Police**

**November** - MP Police made 2 misdemeanor arrests.

- **11-5** .. 12:36p, 2900 blk Kernwood, attempted burglary
- **11-10** .. 5:31p, 2600 blk Maplewood, domestic dispute
- **11-11** .. 10:42a, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd, breaking & entering reported
- **11-14** .. 3:45p, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd, dogs running at large
- **11-15** .. 10:56a, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr, breaking & entering
- **11-19** .. 1:49p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd, breaking & entering reported
- **11-21** .. 6:12p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr, barking dog complaint
- **11-16** .. 1:44p, 2500 Lakewood Dr, domestic violence •
November 2012

In November, Medic 119 made 33 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park, with 32 patients transported to local hospitals. 18 members volunteered a total of 398 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 6,150 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Brian Horton (48 hours), Jackson Maust (41 hours), and Tim Lockard (39 hours).

MP Runs
11-5 ... Unconscious Person
11-26 ... Ill Person

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