Back by popular demand, the first concert of the 2013 MP Summer Music Series will feature the Gas Pump Jockeys from Columbus, presenting great music from the 1960s and 1970s. Enjoy and afternoon of good music and a free ice cream social.

Transportation to the concert is available to MP seniors and handicapped residents. Those needing transportation should call Sid Townsend (890-2427) by Thursday, June 20, to arrange a ride.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to the lakeside bandstand for a Sunday afternoon of fun music and ice cream.

Our thanks to the dues-paying members of the Community Association for underwriting these events. •

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Summer arrives this month. Your MP Community Association has a very busy June planned for you. June 15 brings the annual MP garage sale. Get out and look at all the wonderful offerings your neighbors have for you. On June 22 is our annual Family Fun Night at the pool from 7p-10p. The next day, Sunday, the 23rd, is our first concert of the Summer Music Series. There has been some consideration for cancelling these in the future if attendance is poor, so if you like the concerts, show up! On June 30 is the Minerva Park Garden Tour.

As always we surely could use your help, so if you are looking to do some community service, please call Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

Lisa Craddock Thitoff

Coming in July

Summer Music Series ... Get ready for some toe tappin’ on July 14, with the High Street Stompers, offering some of the best swingin’ Dixieland music in the Midwest.

Monarch Butterflies ... The Green Team is sponsoring a presentation by Carolyn Turner, who will discuss how we can create a habitat for monarch butterflies in our yards. Saturday, July 27, at 1p.

Garden Tour
June 30, 1p-5p

So far, 8 Minerva Park homes are scheduled for the FREE annual garden tour sponsored by your Community Association:

- **2690 Lakewood Dr.**, an English cottage garden combined with a shady park-like setting along a ravine with hostas, perennials, annuals, and ground covers.
- **2761 Lakewood Dr.**, a garden on a large lot with lots of hostas, ground covers, assorted shrubs, and flowers.
- **Lakewood and Maplewood Drives**, the Mary Yost Garden, a public garden with numerous hostas and other perennials in a natural setting.
- **2806 Maplewood Dr.**, a large garden with perennials, a pool, pool house, pond, water features, statues & figurines, secret gardens, and tropical plants.
- **2585 Minerva Lake Rd.**, a colorful perennial garden with cozy patio in front yard, collection of ferns and hostas filling a side bed, rain garden with a peaceful ravine in the back yard.
- **2829 Minerva Lake Rd.**, MP Community Building, a colorful shade garden with hostas, perennials, and annuals. The rear garden overlooks Minerva Lake.
- **2871 East Shore Court**, a lakeside garden featuring mature trees and ground cover with downed ash trees serving as a picnic table area and terraced garden walls, a campfire circle, a nature sanctuary, a fairy village, 9 compost bins, and a zipline across the water.
- **Minerva Lake Rd. at Farview Rd.**, a newly established Community Garden created by the MP Community Association’s Green Team with cooperation of Hawthorne Elementary School.

Signs will identify gardens on the tour, and maps will be available at each location. It’s not too late to sign up ... for more information, call 882-8622.

Secretary

The MP Community Association has an opening for a secretary, to take & disseminate minutes, beginning at the next meeting. If you are interest, call MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2166.

From Your MPCA President
Summer is almost here. I was at the pool very briefly on opening day (it was pretty chilly, so there weren’t a lot of people) and was admiring how nice the pool and pool areas looked. Tom and Troy Shannon, John Friedel, Jim Fischer, and Lisa Craddock Thitoff did a great job prepping for the first day of our 2013 season. Other than the new diving board, the only upgrade to the pool property this year was replacement of a circuit panel in the pool office. So far, we have collected $22,000 in revenues. I will keep you updated throughout the season.

**Council Vacancy:** Because of the resignation of Richard McCreary, there is a vacancy on council. Any interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a resume to Mayor Eisentrout or any Council member by June 17, noon. Interviews will be conducted at a special Council meeting on June 17 at 7p. If a qualified candidate is found, the appointee would finish a 4-year term expiring on 12-31-13. If you have any questions, please call the Mayor (882-5743 or 891-0895) or any of your Council members.

**Golf Course:** The Franklin County Board of Elections shows that the bond issue passed by 62.38% ... with a vote of 257 to 155 ... putting the Village in a position to pursue the possibility of having a 9-hole golf course on that land. I have appointed a Golf Course Committee comprised of myself, Council President Pam Park-Curry, Council members Charles Legg and David Way, and residents-at-large Ed Detwiler (Park Lane Drive) and Jon Self (Lakewood Drive). Our Fiscal Officer, Lynda Sudderberg will join those meetings as needed. It was important to me to have the north, central, and south sections of the Village represented on this committee, whose goals include assisting with the feasibility study and discussing with the golf course designer(s) as to the potential of a successful 9-hole course, its compatibility with the housing development, managing a golf course, and working capital for the 2014 season. To say the least, there is a lot of work to do in the months ahead. Please watch the Village website and the Villager for updates. Predictably, there are rumors and misinformation circulating, so please call me or any members of this committee if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

**AEP Tree Trimming:** I have received some calls from residents who have not had the trees that are marked on their property trimmed yet. I plan to meet with the crew chief and the arborist about their timetable to finish this project and to inspect what’s been done.

**Coffee with Dr. Good:** Superintendent of Westerville City Schools Dr. Good will be retiring in June, and several residents and nonresidents attended a Coffee with him on May 16 at our Community Building. My apologies to all of you for completely forgetting to publish this in the May issue of the Villager or have it posted on our website. As you may know, This was a very informative meeting with good questions asked and answered about funding, technology, special needs students’ accommodations, redistricting, busing, etc. We hope to be asked to host another such meeting in 2014 to welcome the new superintendent.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held on May 13.

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that he had picked up the fire hoses to fill the pool and would be ready for the Hawthorne 5th-grade pool party. The department may need to purchase a monitor add-on for approximately $4,500 in the near future when protocols change. He will keep the Village apprised. He estimates that the net revenue for billing will be approximately $28,500. Billing will begin once the remaining Medicaid-Medicare questionnaire is completed. Remember, Minerva Park residents will not be billed by the Village. The EMS vehicle has undergone expensive repairs recently. This is a budget concern that will need to be considered by the Council in the near future as to whether we maintain the current vehicle or to purchase a new one.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse was excused but provided her report.

**Legal:** Law Director Jennifer Crogan announced that MP’s legal counsel Wiles, Boyle, Bringardner was merging with the law firm of Isaac-Brandt. She asked the Council to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a land acquisition (the golf course) issue. The agenda was amended.
with the following votes: Ayes - Legg, McCreary, Park-Curry, Walter, Way. Nay - Segovia.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Councilman Legg reported for the P&Z meeting. There was no meeting in April, but two variances were approved by the P&Z Commission at the May 14 meeting - Variance 07-2013 to construct a covered porch beyond the front building line at 2620 Woodley Road and Variance 09-2013 to install a 5' marbled aluminum fence beyond the rear building line of 5244 East Shore Drive. The Village Council unanimously approved both variances. Code Enforcement Officer Lt. Rex Waldenmyer was excused from the Council meeting, but the Mayor reported that he had addressed a debris issue on Alder Vista, a junk vehicle and truck parked on the grass on Lakewood Drive, Yasmin Market Shopping Center’s parking lot, unkempt grass area and the fence behind the center that needs repair, and high grass issues at other sites, mostly residential.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff reported that the MPCA hopes to fill the Secretary position. The Nancy Fischer Scholarship was awarded to Olivia Watkins. Kurtz Brothers is offering MPCA members a 10%-20% discount. The Garage Sale would be held June 15. Residents can sign up with GFS to have the MPCA receive benefits (please call Lisa for details at 891-2166). Soil and mulch have been placed at the stage near the south lake for the Summer Music Series. The first concert is scheduled for June 23. Family Fun Night at the pool is schedule for June 22 (June 29 rain date), and the Garden Tour is scheduled for June 30. The MPCA Board is discussing various projects to assist the Village, such as a bike rack at the Community Building, mulching the playground, and helping with funding the Veterans Memorial.

Northland Community Council: Mayor Eisentrout reported that the "Welcome" signs promised by the City of Columbus had not yet been delivered to some of the Northland Area neighborhoods. Donation boxes and advertising benches have become a problem in some neighborhoods because they are being placed without permission. NCC President Remy thanked Bob Gale and his committee for chairing the NCC Awards Banquet. The 161 Task Force Chairman Dave Cooper thanked Bob Gale and MinervaFlora for maintaining the planters along 161 and Ponderosa Drive. The 161 Clean-up is scheduled for June 15 at 9 a.m. with everyone meeting at the Jify Lube. Participants and volunteers are needed for the Northland Fourth of July Parade, beginning at 11 a.m. on July 4. National Night Out is scheduled for August 6. The August 13 NCC meeting will be the annual picnic at the Northland Pool.

The following Committee Reports were made.

Community: Councilman David Way reported that a Community Committee meeting was scheduled for May 20 to discuss the Veterans Memorial.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for the April financials and expenditures totaling $93,759.57. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 22 to discuss the 2014 tax budget with current revenues and potential revenues from the repealed tax credit. Committee chairs and department heads have been asked to submit budget requests. Increasing revenues also will be discussed.

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

Resolution 2013-11 - Providing for the submission to the electors of the Village of Minerva Park at the general election to be held on November 5, 2013, an ordinance to enact an increase in the Village income tax rate from the current rate of one per cent (1.0%) to a rate of two per cent (2.0%) to become effective on January 1, 2014, for the purposes of general municipal operations and services, including but not limited to police services, street maintenance, capital improvements, and related costs, of the Village. First reading accepted.


Resolution 2013-13 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract for general liability insurance and to declare an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules & waive the 3 readings passed unanimously.

Resolution 2013-14 - Amending the 2013 permanent appropriations Resolution 2013-09 by providing for an appropriation from the sewer capital project fund's unappropriated balance and declaring an emergency. (This resolution is appropriating $50,000: $10,800 for a sewer repair project at East Shore Court and Park Lane Drive and the balance for the Director's Findings and Orders Project.) Motion to suspend the rules & waive the 3 readings was passed unanimously.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter had no report.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia announced a committee meeting on May 16. Groveport extended an invitation to Minerva Park to join Consortium #2 for residential waste services. Our Legal Counsel will look into this.

Streets: Councilman Charles Legg reported that the streets
appear to be in good condition with three potholes to address. Shoulder damage at Farview and 161 probably because of school buses is visible. Some storm sewer grates and curbs need to be repaired. The report has been submitted to our Village Engineer and the Street Committee will meet to assess what needs to be done in 2013.

April - MP Police made 3 misdemeanor arrests.
4-1 ...... 10a, 2600 blk Woodley, theft reported
4-8 ...... 11:48a, Ponderosa Dr near Kernwood, petty theft
4-12 ..... 10:12a, Mini Storage, 5199 Westerville Rd, breaking & entering
4-15 ..... 12:57p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave, theft without consent
4-16 ..... 9:07p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave, assault
4-19 ..... Gordon Food Service, theft
4-22 ..... 2:41p, 2800 blk Kernwood, DOA
4-23 ..... 11:35p, Wireless Store, 5256 Cleveland Ave, burglary reported

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### Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next session is June 5 & June 26, 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

#### April 2013
- Citation payments: 5
- Village General Fund: $4,002
- Computer Fund: $180
- Remitted to the State: $1,165
- Cap. Recovery System: $0
- Columbus: $45
- Total Court Receipts: $5,392

### Village Financials

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

#### April 2013
- Beg balance general fund: $182,711
- Receipts: $99,475
- Disbursements: $99,475
- Ending balance: $188,426

### Medic Report

Medic 119 made 23 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park, with 15 patients transported to local hospitals.

- 15 members volunteered a total of 379.8 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,687.8 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Scott Logsdon (49 hours), Frank Meredith (49 hours), and Tim Lockard (47 hours).

#### MP Runs
- 4-14 .... Injured child
- 4-16 .... Injured person
- 4-19 .... Possible stroke

### 10% up to $500 off

Must present coupon at time of estimate to qualify. Limited offer.
It's time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, June 15. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don't miss out!

As in the past, the $5 registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps for distribution. There is also a $5 late registration fee, so please be prompt.

This is one of the MPCA's biggest annual fundraisers, so please do not cheat your community of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association funds several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for your fair contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2014 garage sale.

To register, deposit the attached form and a check for $5 payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” at the MPCA mailbox at the Community Building.

Registration packets will be distributed this year on June 14. Late registrations can be made that evening, but you will not be on the map. Volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3p and 4p the day of the sale, as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 738-1612 if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2013 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

**Registration**

MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER - June 15, 2013

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1. How long have you lived in MP? What are your occupation and your most interesting job? Terri and Mark moved here only 22 months ago from Ann Arbor MI and are both full-time employees of The Way International Biblical Ministry. Mark coordinates the Midwest Region (Michigan and Ohio), and Terri coordinates Ohio with Mark, working in Columbus. Terri’s most interesting job is what she does now: working for the Ministry and meeting a wide variety of people. Mark’s most interesting job took him throughout the U.S. a few years ago as a representative of an Internet start-up company. Part of his job was to entertain executives in the finest restaurants in the country. His favorite was a sushi restaurant in San Francisco.

2. What do you like and dislike about living in MP? Terri replied, “Because we’ve lived in a lot of places, we love Minerva Park for its safety, the pool, golf course, and sense of community. MP combines all the good aspects from the places where we’ve lived previously and having no sidewalks makes it more endearing to us.” Mark agreed, “We love Minerva Park.”

3. What is interesting about you that your neighbors may want to know? What are your hobbies? For 5 years, Terri owned a dance studio in WA, where she organized summer dance camps and had recitals. Students ranged from 4 to 90 years old. She taught ballet, tap dance, jazz, acrobatics-gymnastics, and break dancing (at which she broke a bone). When they lived in MT for 9 years, near wilderness, Mark hunted deer and elk and processed the meat himself. In OR and WA, he and Terri fished for salmon and steel head (seagoing trout). They both smoked salmon they caught, and they have many great fish recipes. Mark also fished in Alaska in 23 hours of daylight! There he made blackened halibut and grilled salmon. Call him for a grilled salmon recipe with mayo & dill sauce! Mark added that Alaska has “sustenance fishing” for its residents, meaning they can fish without a limit to their catch.

Terri’s hobby is fitness, and she offers two free yoga classes at the Community Building (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m.). It’s her way of giving something back to the MP community that she’s grown to love. Terri also likes sewing, crocheting, and making cards and things to give to people, and she’s made floor cloth, a skill from the 1800s also known as painting floor mats.

One of Mark’s hobbies is biblical research, which he has done for 29 years. His most recent hobby is painting oil landscapes, so far having painted six. His role model was TV’s painter Bob Ross.

4. Where have you lived before? Terri and Mark have lived in nine states: IL, IN, WI, WA, OR, GA, MT, MI, OH. They have friends all over the country and, with a little help from those friends, they could cross the U.S. without having to stay in a motel.

They have been married for 37 years, have 3 children, and one grandchild with another one on the way. All three children are in the Ministry and live in GA and FL. Their youngest son just completed a 5-year stint in the Navy.

5. What would you like to add? Mark said that, with all their travels around the country, they have learned to take advantage of everything that a location has to offer. They research the place and live their life to its fullest in the present location. “We love MP so much because we have friendly neighbors like the one who plows our driveway and does not want a reward for it. Getting to know our neighbors was a bit more difficult in MI, but people in MP are very friendly and stop to visit.”

Interviewer’s Comment. If you wish to be featured in “Getting to Know You” or nominate a neighbor, email rose_hart@hotmail.com.
Save the Dates

- Jul 4 - Fourth of July Parade
- Jul 14 - Music Series
- Jul 27 - Monarch Butterflies
- Jul 27 - Wine & Cheese at the Pool

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Next deadline: Wednesday, June 12, 5p

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Nov 14 - Music Series
Nov 21 - cigar and Whiskey event
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