The final concert of the 2013 Minerva Park Summer Music Series will feature the High Street Stompers Dixieland Band, brought back by popular demand from the 2010 and 2011 Summer Music Series. Recently the band has played concerts with the OSU Concert Band, the Heisey Wind Ensemble, and the Columbus Pro Music Chamber Orchestra and at the Columbus Museum of Art. Learn more about this great ensemble at HighStreetStompers.com.

A free ice cream social will be held during the concert. Transportation to the concert is available to MP seniors and handicapped residents. Those needing transportation should call Sid Townsend (890-2427) by Thursday, July 11, to arrange a ride.

Both events are underwritten by dues-paying members of your Minerva Park Community Association. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Bring your chair or blanket to the lakeside bandstand for a Sunday afternoon of toe-tappin’ Dixieland music by the High Street Stompers and ice cream.

Ongoing yoga classes will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Community Building. Contact Terri, 734-308-3884, for information.
Bicycle patrol officers, Lt. Matt Fenstermaker and Shawn Hensley, have been out patrolling the Village recently. They will be out more frequently, weather permitting.

We had a rash of recent thefts from cars on Jordan Road. Change and other small items were missing from cars parked in the driveways. In addition, we discovered a vacant house on Park Lane Drive has been the target of vagrants entering illegally. Please be aware, keep any valuables out of sight, and lock your car doors. If you see anyone walking in the Village that appears to be checking into cars or houses, please call us at 882-1223 (Franklin County Dispatch) and provide a description of the person and the location you observed.

Minerva Park Police does not have staff to answer the office line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and officers are usually out of the building on patrol. If you need to have an officer dispatched for a report, suspicious person, or other incidents that are non-emergency, you will need to call the dispatch line at 882-1223. For emergencies, call 911.

We urge all residents to conspicuously post address numbers on your house or both sides of your mailbox to assist us and Minerva Park EMS crews in locating you quickly in an emergency. This is especially important at night or in bad weather.

Our block watch groups have had an impact on crime on Minerva Lake Road (between East Shore Drive and Farview Drive), Alder Vista Drive, Maplewood Drive, and Lakewood Drive near Briar Rose. I still need block watch organizers and captains for the following areas:
- Minerva Lake Road ... between Cleveland Avenue and North Bay Drive
- ... between North Bay Drive and East Shore Drive ...
- East Shore Drive and Westerville Road
- Woodley Road
- Wildwood Road
- Elmhurst
- Westbridge
- Cardinal Court
- Jordan Road
- Park Lane Court & Drive
- East Shore Court & Drive
- Berry Lane Court
- North Lake Court
- Kernwood Drive
- Ponderosa Drive
- Carlton Court
- Lakewood Drive (between Alder Vista and Maplewood Drive, including Lakeland Court)

The time commitment is very limited and involves hosting a meeting for initial organization and information, and ongoing communication with neighbors or police as needed. Some groups have quarterly meetings with coffee, dessert, or cookouts, and others meet a couple times a year by preferring to communicate via email. If you are interested, please contact me at 882-1408 to coordinate a meeting time and place for your street.

Minerva Park Police offer our residents services such as house watch checks for those homeowners who are out of town or on vacation. We also offer a similar program to check on the well-being of children who may be home while parents are working during the summer. This is not a babysitting service, but simply to check in on a child of age who is alone at home, which may provide him or her reassurance and is at the request of a parent. For more information about these programs, contact Lt. Matt Fenstermaker at 882-1408.

By Police Chief Kim Nuesse

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Public Hearing: There will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the 2014 budget at a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. A Special Council Meeting will be held afterward for the Council to consider this budget for its submittal to the Auditor’s office.

AEP Tree Trimming Program: We have received several calls from residents about this program - trees that have been marked with blue paint but have not been trimmed and trees that have been marked with red paint but have not been removed. Our contact with Asplundh, the company that AEP contracts with to perform these services, told me that about 3,000 trees have been trimmed or cut down so far in Minerva Park. As of June 15, parts of Wildwood Road, Jordan Road, Park Lane Court, and Park Lane Drive still need to be addressed. The remaining work should be completed by the end of the summer. I have asked our contact to revisit several homes in the central and southern parts of the Village. When the program is completed, I will inspect the Village before Asplundh moves on to the next municipality and will meet with the AEP Forester. Please call me (882-5743) if you have any questions about the work that has been done on or near your property.

Remember, AEP is responsible for limbs and branches that are jeopardizing their primary lines, not any wires that are owned by cable companies, etc.

Foxes & Coyotes: We have been receiving calls about the increasing numbers of both coyotes and foxes, particularly foxes. At least two families of foxes have been spotted, and one resident has had three outdoor cats killed. I have contacted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Wildlife Division’s rep to give us some guidance about how to deal with this issue. In the meantime, if you have concerns, you may call the ODNR Wildlife staff at 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-5433) or go their website at dnr.state.oh.us and click on the Landowner/Nuisance Wildlife links. I would caution you to be vigilant with small dogs and think about keeping your cats indoors. I am not aware of any physical contact between the foxes and humans, i.e., small children, but one can never be too cautious.

Chief Nuesse has been invited to participate in an Emergency Management Agency (EMA) task force regarding wild animal response team protocols. I hope to have more information for you next month.

RITA: I will be attending the Regional Income Tax Agency’s (RITA) Annual Council of Governments (COG) meeting this month. Quite a bit of information is shared at these meetings. One meeting is held at the Brecksville office to accommodate our northern Ohio members, and one meeting is held at the Worthington office for the remaining members. At these meetings, we are given legislative and technological updates, and detailed financials. RITA will elect three Board of Trustee members whose terms will expire June 30, 2016, one Trustee whose term will expire June 30, 2015, and officers for the COG. I have been nominated again for the Secretary position of the COG. Thirteen municipalities have asked to join the RITA consortium, and we will be asked to approve their membership at these June meetings. I will provide you with information I gather at this meeting in the August issue of the Villager.

East Shore Court Sewer Repair Project: You may recall from last month’s Villager that the Council approved $10,800 to investigate and repair a storm sewer issue. Fortunately, the main problems were because of an incredible amount of tree roots, not any collapsed or damaged lines, so we came in under budget at a cost of $9,195.75.

Thank You: You may notice the new U.S. and State of Ohio flags at the Community Building. A resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated these to the Village just in time for Flag Day and the Fourth of July. Our flags take quite a beating and need to be replaced often. Many thanks for your generosity.

Street Light: Our AEP rep generated a second work ticket to have the street light at the intersection of Wildwood Road and Cleveland Avenue repaired.

Council President Park-Curry and members Legg, Walter, and Way were present for the Regular Council meeting held June 10. Councilman Segovia arrived late. Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg was excused.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse submitted her monthly report. Our Police Department is actively investigating burglaries that occurred earlier this year and is hoping to prosecute at least one alleged perpetrator. As mentioned above, the Chief has been asked to join the EMA Task Force to formulate wild animal response team protocols. Our cruisers have been in need of repairs. Car #1’s starter was replaced and had wiring issues, Car #2’s transmission needs to be replaced and will be in the shop later in June, and Car #3 had some minor repair issues. Officer Hensley successfully completed his bicycle patrol training and is patrolling in the Village, receiving positive feedback from residents.

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. He has
replaced the Spring air card with one from AT&T. Both EMS and police use these devices to enable their onboard computers to communicate with respective dispatching agencies. This new air card was secured at no initial cost to the Village and at a reduced operating cost of approximately $7 per month. Chief Hoechstetter has almost completed the Medicare certification necessary to begin the billing process for runs outside the Village.

Legal: Law Director Jennifer Croghan reported that the new 3-week Mayor’s Court schedule has been implemented. As expected, the dockets are longer, and we’ll see how this works through the summer, the busiest time of the year. As discussed earlier, there is legislation to compensate the Mayor’s Court Magistrate for the longer court sessions (a change of $150 per court session to $200 per session) on the agenda for the Council’s consideration. See Resolution 2013-16 below.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Councilman Charles Legg reported that the P&Z Commission approved a fence permit for 2670 Alder Visa Drive. The Commission agreed with the Mayor that Lt. Rex Waldenmyer, the Village’s new Code Enforcement Officer, need not attend the regular meetings unless a special issue arises he reports to them, because his hours are more wisely used for code enforcement. Instead, he will provide a monthly report of his activities. I meet regularly with Rex to review progress on various cases and convey complaints I receive. Some cases that have been addressed recently are: trash and debris at 5099 Maplewood Drive, high grass at both occupied and unoccupied homes, and a vacant lot that is not being maintained by the owner. Enocam Motors has been asked once again to paint over graffiti on their dumpster and repair their parking lot.

The following committee reports were made.

Community: Councilman Dave Way would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Veterans Memorial.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for the May financials totaling $115,128.53. Councilman Legg abstained because he had not received the information via his email and did not have time to review the reports.

Golf Course Committee: The members include Mayor Eisenout, Council President Pam Park-Curry, Councilmen Charles Legg and David Way, and residents-at-large Ed Detwiler and Jon Self. Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg attends as needed.

The committee has met to discuss a feasibility study (the anticipated expenses incurred to run a 9-hole golf course, and the revenues needed to cover those expenses), golf course design(s), and to gain input from the Groezinger family and the current Minerva Lake Golf Course staff. To that end, Jon Self and Jim Groezinger toured both the Arrowhead and the Minerva Lake courses to discuss equipment expenses. MP Council President Pam Park-Curry, Jason Wisniewski from Fischer Homes, and Jeff Groezinger walked the Minerva Lake Golf Course to discuss potential course layouts and modifications of the current course. Pam has had an ongoing dialogue with golf course designers Mike and Chris Hurdzen and has received a preliminary analysis of converting the Minerva Lake Golf Course to a 9-hole course. MP Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg has obtained two years of financial information for Columbus 9-hole courses (Wilson Road and Walnut Hill). Some questions yet to be answered are the structural soundness of the clubhouse and a buried gas tank on the property.

As you can see, this committee has been busy, and, as promised, we are working very diligently to gather as much information as possible to make good and thoughtful recommendations to the Village Council regarding the future of this property. Fischer Homes has asked that the Council make every effort to make a decision about proceeding with a golf course by June 28. Please watch the Village website (minervapark.org) closely for updates about this issue and upcoming meetings as we move forward. It is very important that you stay informed.

Legislation: Councilman Roberto Segovia (the new Legislative Committee Chairman) 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. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2013-12 - Authorizing the Mayor to contract with First Energy Solutions Corporation for electric utility services for the Village of Minerva Park. Second reading accepted. Discussion: Additional information will be gathered to determine whether this resolution can proceed due to time-sensitive issues or should be withdrawn at a future date. Note that I mistakenly reported to you last month that this motion had failed when in fact it was a first reading.

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 2013-15 - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for a water service agreement with Columbus and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed unanimously.

Resolution 2013-16 - Amending Resolution 2012-27 regarding the agreement for professional services of a Court Magistrate and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed unanimously.

Ordinance 7-2013 - Ratifying the establishment of a special revenue fund to account for the receipt and disbursement of FEMA grant monies. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed unanimously.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for June 20 to discuss Police and EMS budgetary issues.

Service: In the absence of a sixth Council member, former Service Committee
Chairman Councilman Segovia discussed the upcoming trash contract.

**Streets:** Councilman Charles Legg reported that he and the Mayor met with our Village Engineer, Mike Flickinger, and are waiting for Mike to submit a scope of work for any repairs and crack sealing to be done.

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**Minerva Park Police**

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

5-6 .... 8:40a, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd, criminal damaging reported
5-7 .... 2:33p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd, DOA
5-9 .... 8:01a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave, theft
5-21 .. 12:26a, 2800 blk Park Lane Dr, theft reported
5-23 .. 9:17a, Wildwood & Cardinal Ct, suspicious people reported
5-25 .. 12:28p, Gordon Food Service, criminal simulation
5-25 .. 5:26p, 5300 blk Ponderosa, DOA
5-28 .. 11:21p, 5300 blk Ponderosa, recovered runaway
5-30 .. 7:21p, 5300 blk Ponderosa, theft.

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**Butterfly Habitats**

*By Karen Cogley*

Saturday, July 27, 1p
Community Building

The MPCA Green Team is sponsoring a presentation by Carolyn Turner, who raises monarch butterflies. On July 27, she will speak about how we can create a habitat for monarchs in our own yards and will give a video presentation with photos of the life stages of monarchs she has raised from eggs and caterpillars collected on milkweed in her yard and released into the wild. She will share how we can help prevent the monarchs from becoming extinct. She plans to bring milkweed plants to sell for her cost, about $2 per plant. She also may bring live monarch butterflies, if they are at a life stage that is interesting.

She and her husband will start with a short video presentation and then talk about the role that gardeners are being asked to play in an attempt to prevent the monarch migration from becoming only a memory.

Carolyn has been raising monarch butterflies in captivity since 2009, motivated because they were so threatened in the wild. They are even more so now, with this winter’s numbers in Mexico being the lowest since the monarch colonies came to the attention of scientists in 1975. Last year, she released 60 healthy butterflies.

Carolyn and her husband live in Columbus, spending more than 25 years converting their typical suburban lawn into a habitat garden, certified by two national organizations - the National Wildlife Federation and Monarch Watch. She is a member of Wild Ones and Worthington Hills Garden Club and is a volunteer with Technology for the Poor and Inniswood Metro Gardens.

Village residents and their guests are invited to her informative presentation so you, too, can get started in this wonderful endeavor.

**Editor’s Note.** The Green Team is a committee of your MP Community Association, consisting of concerned residents who work to create an environmentally friendly and sustainable neighborhood.

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Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next session is July 17, 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

May 2013
Citation payments …………….. 54
Village General Fund ………. $3,168
Computer Fund ………………. $146
Remitted to the State………. $1,009
Cap. Recovery System ……… $99
Columbus ……………………… $39
Total Court Receipts ……….. $4,461

Village Financials

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

May 2013
Beg balance general fund ………. $188,426
Receipts …………………………. $69,584
Disbursements ………………… ($111,512)
Ending balance ………………. $146,498

Medic Report

May 2013

Medic 119 made 30 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 0 into Minerva Park, with 27 patients transported to local hospitals.

20 members volunteered a total of 357.2 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,004 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Scott Logsdon (51.5 hours), Frank Meredith (51.5 hours), and Thomas Balliett (47 hours).

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