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

Annual Membership Drive
During August, an MPCA representative will contact each resident to
1. collect information for the Minerva Park Directory.
2. conduct a very short survey.
3. collect 2013-2014 membership dues of only $20.
   If you would like to be part of the team of representatives to contact residents, please call Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

Special Projects
Meet the Candidates
Wine & Cheese Evenings
Scholarship

Meeting of Lights
Easter Egg Hunt

Garden Awards & Garden Tour
Newcomers
Meet the Candidates

Publicity Committee
Duck Award

SUMMER SERIES
Green Team

Garden Awards & Garden Tour
Publicity Committee
Duck Award

Minerva Flora News
Minerva Flora Committee

and last, but not least!

Public Hearing
September 9, 6:30 p.m.
Community Building
Considering Chapter 1253 of the Codified Ordinances regarding a Planned Residential District.

AUGUST DATES
6 (7p) ............ Planning & Zoning
7 (8:30a) ............ Mayor’s Court
10 (7p) ........ Council Work Session
12 (7p) ............ Council Meeting
14 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
21 (5p) ............ Villager Deadline
26 (7p) ............ Coffee with Council
28 (8:30a) ............ Mayor’s Court
**From Your MPCA President**

So far, spring and summer have been busy for the MPCA. We have sponsored a plant sale, a garage sale, 2 concerts, and a wine & cheese evening at the pool. Some garden clean-up has been done around the Village, and the community garden plots have been planted. Coming in August will be the second wine & cheese at the pool, and the membership drive will begin, so expect to hear a knock at the door asking for your support of your Community Association and payment of only $20 membership dues.

At the June meeting, I delivered the news that after 4 (?) years I will be stepping down as president of the MPCA at the end of my term in September. I plan to still be involved, but it is time for new leadership and new ideas. The MPCA also is in need of a secretary. Please, if you like the events that the MPCA sponsors and you want to keep these things going in YOUR Village, get involved. Let us know that you are interested in helping out. Call Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427. If there are no people to organize or work these events, they will disappear!

If you don’t care, do nothing. If you do care, get involved! We have a beautiful neighborhood, and I believe part of what sets us apart are all the events the MPCA sponsors. Let’s keep it that way. And a special thank you to individuals maintaining the Jordan Road entrance. It is much appreciated, an the bed looks great! God bless and be well. Lisa Craddock Thitoff

**Biking Buddies**

Do you like to bike? Join our bicycling group. Residents will meet at the Community Building at 9a on Monday mornings. On the 4th Monday, we will drive to our biking destination. The other Mondays, we will bike from Minerva Park for 1- to 1.5-hour rides. This will be an informal group. There is no leader. We will leave the Community Building promptly at 9 a.m. Contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 for more info about the destination ride. See you there!

**Wine & Cheese**

August 17 • 9p-midnight

Pool

How about an adult night out? MP adults are invited to attend another great Wine & Cheese Evening at the pool. BYOW to enjoy or share. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided. $5 per person charge.

**MPA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**

September 11 • 7:30p
Community Building

Nominations are being accepted for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff, 891-2166, with your nominations by September 9. Note also that the Green Team needs a leader.

**November Election**

Four council seats will up for election on the November 2013 ballot. Learn more at http://vote.franklincounty.ohio.gov/assets/pdf/2013/general/election-schedule.pdf
Pool: I guess it goes without saying that this has been one of the rainiest summers we have experienced in a long time. As expected, we have not had as profitable a year as we did by the end of June last year with revenues of $55,800. As of June 30 this year, we have collected $44,000. After speaking with our Pool Manager, one explanation may be that customers have chosen - because of the uncertain weather - to pay the daily guest fee as opposed to purchasing a yearly membership. Let’s hope the remainder of the summer is more pool-friendly.

I would like to thank Bruce Evans and Joe Volpe for donating mulch for the flower beds, John Friedel for purchasing hanging flower baskets, the MPCA for donating flower pots and various flowers and plants, the lifeguards for working in the flower beds and the pool grounds during their "down time," and Lisa Craddock Thitoff for volunteering so many hours maintaining and weeding the beds.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. They will review the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to adopt Chapter 1253 of the Codified Ordinances regarding a Planned Residential District (PRD). This PRD is a separate zoning district that will be used if the golf course property is annexed and developed. The Council will welcome questions and comments from the residents.

Chapter 1253 will create a process for submitting and approving a Preliminary Plan and uses permitted in the District … residential uses such as single-family homes and public uses such as parks, playgrounds, recreation, and community buildings, etc. The purpose of the PRD, as set forth in the ordinance, is to "encourage imaginative site and architectural design, permit creation of flexible development standards that respect the unique characteristics of the site and surrounding uses, result in more efficient and beneficial use of the land, and regulate development and redevelopment of individual parcels within the already improved areas." The Council will consider adoption of the PRD through Ordinance 8-2013 at the September 9 Council Meeting. Remember, this is only a first step. Other than permitted uses, the ordinance does not set forth any requirements for the development, such as lot sizes, number of houses, materials, etc. This will come at a later date once the property is officially annexed into the Village.

Please watch the Village website and read your Villager newsletter. Ordinance 8-2013 is available for your review at minervapark.org/, and hard copies are available at the Community Building. Please contact me or any Council member if you have any questions.

Grass Clippings: We need your help. Please do not leave your grass clippings or other yard waste in the street. These clog the storm grate, impeding drainage of the streets during heavy rainfalls, and we have to pay our maintenance staff to clear the drains. It takes only a moment to sweep or use your leaf blower to clean the street in front of your home. If you have a landscape company mowing your grass, please remind them to clean the street area.

Leaf Pick-up Program: As I write my report to you and after another Finance Committee meeting this past week, it is with regret that I must inform you that we will not be able to offer this service for 2013 because of budget constraints. The trash hauling companies that are submitting bids for the 2013-2014 contract have been made aware of the approximate amount of leaves that will need to be collected this fall.

Con condolences: The Village extends its condolences to EMS/Fire Chief Rick Hoechstetter, whose father passed away unexpectedly on July 7.
Thank You: Many thanks to Council President Pam Park-Curry, Councilman David Way, Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Captain Tina Quinn, Officer Mike Myers, residents Sharon Bierman, Ed Detwiler, Bob Gale, and Max Way for taking time out of their holiday schedule to participate in the annual Northland Fourth of July Parade. Although it was rainy, there was an enthusiastic crowd. Minerva Park was well represented with an MPCA car, a Village Council car, a police cruiser, the EMS vehicle, and the Mayor's car.

Coffees with Council: Please mark your calendars for the following dates to informally meet with your Council members: August 26, September 30, October 28, and November 18. These meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Building. The proposed 1% income tax on the November ballot will be the main topic of discussion at the August meeting. Of course, any other topics can be brought up also.

Council members Park-Curry, Legg, Pauken, Segovia, and Walter were present at the regular Council meeting held on July 8. Councilman Way was excused.

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter was excused. His monthly report was distributed.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse reported that she continues her efforts to form block watch groups. Read her article on page 6.

Legal: Law Director Jennifer Croghan reported that she is working on golf course issues. Mayor's Court transitioned from every two weeks to every three weeks in an effort to reduce expenses. Former officer Barry Harp has appealed his latest denial for unemployment. This case will be heard in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Councilman Charles Legg reported that the Commission did not meet in July. Mayor Eisentrout reviewed Lt. Waldenmyer's code enforcement report. Graffiti, junk cars, trash, property maintenance, and grass issues were addressed. A chicken coop was moved from a prominent area on a resident's property to a more discreet location.

Minerva Park Community Association: No report was given.

Northland Community Council: Mayor Eisentrout reported that Northland Village property managers have been contacted regarding overnight parking of semi tractor-trailer trucks. The former Bob Evans site on Cleveland Avenue may become a Turkey Hill gas station. Columbus will have a bond issue on the November ballot for capital improvements. The NCC Summer Picnic meeting will be held at the Northland Pool on August 13.

The following committee reports were made.

Community: Councilman Dave Way was excused. A Community Committee meeting was scheduled for July 16 to discuss and hopefully finalize the Veterans Memorial plans.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for the June Financials totaling $134,691.19. She scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for July 15.

Legislation: Councilman Roberto Segovia 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 November 5, 2013, an ordinance to enact an increase in the Village income tax rate from the current rate of one percent (1.0%) to a rate of two percent (2.0%) to become effective January 1, 2014, for the purposes of general municipal operations and services, including but not limited to police services, street maintenance, capital improvements, related costs of the Village. Third reading. Votes for passage: Ayes - Park-Curry, Legg, Pauken, Walter. Nays - Segovia.


Resolution 2013-17 - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for the collection and removal of rubbish, trash, recyclables, garbage, and yard waste from residences. Second reading.

Resolution 2013-19 - Authorizing the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, and Police Chief to enter into an agreement supporting the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in its DUI Task Force goals from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 by allowing the Minerva Park Police Officers to participate in DUI check points for the DUI Task Force. First reading.

Resolution 2013-20 - Adopting the tax budget for the Village for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and to submit the same to the Franklin County Budget Commission. First reading.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter reported that he had met with Chief Nuesse about the 2014 police budget. We will likely need to replace Car #1 at an estimated cost of $35,000. We also may need to purchase a video camera and 2 or 3 new in-car computers at $6,000 each. The Chief is investigating lower-cost options. We are considering switching dispatching services from Franklin County to the City of Westerville as a cost-saving measure and for more customer-friendly service. The County charges a per-call fee that is increasing,
whereas Westerville would charge a flat fee. More information will follow. Councilman Walter also met with Chief Hoechstetter about the EMS budget. The EMS vehicle may need to be replaced in 2014. Purchasing a used vehicle (at a cost of $100,000 to $150,000) is being explored. Other items that may need to be bought are an IO Drill (used for trauma victims and children that require IV intervention) at a cost of $1,500 and a required upgrade to the heart monitor for $8,500.

**Service:** Councilwoman Jennifer Pauken reported that she has contacted several trash hauling companies about the upcoming 2013-2014 contract and that bid packets are nearly complete. She also submitted the Legal Notice seeking bids to the Daily Reporter.

**Streets:** Councilman Charles Legg had scheduled a Streets Committee meeting on July 22 to discuss the 2013 street repair project. He and his committee members will submit their recommendations to the Council at the August 12 Council meeting.

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If you hire a lawn care company to mow your lawn, please make them aware of our rules prohibiting this practice, and thank you for your neighborliness in tending to your own property responsibly.

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**St. Anthony Corn Roast Festival**

Friday, Aug. 23, 6-11 pm
Saturday, Aug. 24, 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!
Minerva Park Police have gone social on Facebook, so be sure to check out our page at https://www.facebook.com/minervapark.pd. It is our goal to keep our residents and businesses informed about crime trends, prevention, and special events in a timely manner.

We recently received grant equipment from the State of Ohio, a RapidID unit, along with training. This equipment, valued at approximately $2,000, used by patrol officers in the field to assist in identifying people who do not have any identification or who present false identification, by scanning their fingerprints to obtain a true identity. This will be a tremendous tool for our police department to utilize because of the increasing number of people we encounter who are in possession of false identification.

Our police vehicles were entered into the Hendon Media Group police vehicle design contest by Police Chief Kim Nuesse. People's Choice, and two of our vehicles were selected to compete nationally in our department-size category against five other entries. Stay tuned for the final results!

By Police Chief Kim Nuesse

We recently received reports from residents of thefts from cars on Minerva Lake Road and a couple of attempted forced entries of backyard sheds. All of these incidents have occurred during the late night and early morning hours. One witness who interrupted one of the shed entries reported a suspect description of a white male, approximately 5'6" with brown hair who was wearing dark-colored clothing who fled on foot. Be aware of this information, and if you see anyone fitting this description who is behaving in a manner you believe needs our attention, please contact us immediately at 882-1223.

June - MP Police made 3 misdemeanor arrests.
6-13 .. 3:35, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave, burglary
6-14 .. 8:07p, 2500 blk Woodley, domestic dispute
6-15 .. 11:18a, 2600 blk Lakewood, dog barking
6-16 .. 10:04p, 2700 blk Lakewood, littering
6-17 .. 9:25a, 2800 blk Park Lane Dr, criminal mischief reported
6-18 .. 2:52p, 5400 blk Park Lane Court, breaking & entering reported
6-26 .. 11:57a, 2600 blk Lakewood, theft reported
6-27 .. 12:24p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, sexual imposition reported
6-27 .. 5:18p, 2500 Lakewood, identity fraud
6-30 .. 8:30p, 2600 blk Jordan, breaking & entering •
Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next session is August 7 & 28, 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

June 2013
Citation payments ............... 82
Village General Fund .......... $7,062
Computer Fund ................ $250
Remitted to the State ....... $1,894
Cap. Recovery System ....... $0
Columbus ...................... $59
Total Court Receipts ...... $9,264

Village Financials

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

June 2013
Beg balance general fund ....... $146,498
Receipts ........................ $56,506
Disbursements ................. ($90,057)
Ending balance ............... $112,946

Medic Report

June 2013
Medic 119 made 16 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 0 into Minerva Park, with 13 patients transported to local hospitals.

15 members volunteered a total of 290.7 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,334.7 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Scott Logsdon (46.7 hours), Frank Meredith (46.7 hours), and Tim Lockard (30.5).

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