INCOME TAX BALLOT ISSUE

#5 in a Series - What We’ve Been Hearing, Leaf Pick-up, Sanitary Sewers, Rainy Day Fund, Big-Ticket Projects

By Council President Ed Detwiler, Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry, Councilwoman Jennifer Pauken, Councilman John Michels, Councilman Todd Walter, Mayor Lynn Eisentrout

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On November 4, residents will have an opportunity to vote on a Minerva Park Income Tax ballot issue, which if passed would increase Minerva Park’s income tax from 1% to 2%. This is the fifth in a series to help you become an informed voter. Previous articles are available at minervapark.org or for pick-up at the Community Building.

This installment starts with some of the things we’ve been hearing ...

Mayor’s Salary

Rumor - The Mayor’s salary is $70,000-plus, and that’s going up if the income tax passes.

Fact - In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §705.60, the Council sets the salary of the Mayor (in her capacity as City Manager), and it last did so on June 11, 2007, by Ordinance 4-2007, available online at minervapark.org/legislation/2007/04-2007_mayors-salary.pdf. This allowed anyone wanting to run for Mayor in the November 2007 election to be fully informed as to the set salary of that office, the new term of which would begin on January 1, 2008.

And once set, according to Ohio Revised Code §705.25, “the salary of an elective officer shall not be changed during the term for which such officer was elected.”

Mayor Eisentrout took office on January 1, 2008 with the annual salary of $27,000. There have been no increases since.

On September 6, 1983, Council started providing “complete health, medical, and/or dental insurance” for the Mayor by Ordinance 13-83, in addition to those same benefits already in place for full-time police officers. Rates for the Mayor’s and full-time police officers’ benefits are negotiated annually and passed by Council via resolution, the latest of which is Resolution 2014-2, available online at minervapark.org/legislation/2014/2014-02_hsa_2014.pdf. In 2013, the Mayor’s portion of staff benefits is estimated to have totalled $11,590.

It’s Unfair

Comment - “I’m not going to vote for the Income Tax increase because the seniors don’t have to pay. It’s unfair.”

Response - Council deliberated at length whether to present the residents with an increase in property taxes (estimated to be an additional 10+ mils, for a total of almost 26 mils) or an increase in the income tax (an additional 1%). Council chose to put the income tax increase on the ballot.

Aside from the moral arguments of “unfair” or not, the choice facing residents on November 4 is not either-or ... voting for a property tax increase or voting for an income tax increase. The choice is simply - income tax increase, yes or no. The Village needs money to operate. It is up to all of the residents - both income earners AND seniors - to determine the future of the Village with their vote.

Why 1%?

Comment - “Why 1%? What is the money going to be used for?”

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Candidates Seek Vice President

Candidates’ Night this year will focus on the Income Tax. Come learn about this important topic.

MPCA Seeks

MPCA Children’s Halloween Party
Sunday, October 26, 2p-4p
Faith Life Family Church, 2580 Jordan Road

All MP children are welcome to the annual costume party. Crafts, games, and activities for ages 1 year and older, plus snacks, costume prizes, fun for all. Weather permitting, some games will be outside. Bring a Trick or Treat bag and wear your best costume! As always, we can use some volunteers and some bakers. Please call Glenda Morris at 882-2359.

Senior Sing-Along
Thursday, October 30
12:30p to 1:30p
Community Building

The MP Community Association is sponsoring a Senior Sing-Along, featuring Ray Pauken and his “Hot Banjo.” The program is free to all who like to hear and sing favorite songs like “Peg O’ My Heart,” “My Wild Irish Rose,” and more. Refreshments will be served after the program. Ray has been playing and singing professionally since 1965. He has played every Saturday at Plank’s Bier Garten in Germ Village for 20 years and was inducted into the Columbus Senior Musicians Hall of Fame in 2009. He is a retired educator with the Columbus Public Schools.

Bring your voice and have a great time.
For those seniors who need transportation, please call Sid & Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 by Tuesday, October 28.

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MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Congratulations! We have a published author in our Village. Noel Mehlo’s book, The Lost Ranger: A Soldier’s Story, is about Staff Sergeant Herbert Hull who served in the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion in World War II. His service records were lost for nearly 70 years but, through the efforts of his comrades, authors, and historians, were recovered to tell the story of the training involved to become a Ranger and their service to our country during World War II, including the D-Day invasion. Noel’s book has received endorsements from Major General John Raaten, Jr., Col. Robert Black, and 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion veteran Randall Ching. Best of luck, Noel, and our sincere congratulations on your continued success.

Staff Updates: As reported to you last month, Lorraine (Lorry) Roblin joined us as my Administrative Assistant and Zoning Clerk at 20 hours/week. Her email address is lroblin@minervapark.org. For now, Sara Schumacher will remain with us on a very part-time basis through 2014 to assist with Mayor’s Court while Chris Weisenberger continues his training as our Mayor’s Court Clerk.

It has been a challenge to find the right staff members to fill the remaining two positions, and I have been very busy with interviews. I am pleased to introduce you to our two newest additions to our team: Wade Steen has been hired as our new Fiscal Officer once Lynda Sudderberg retires October 31. Wade brings a wealth of experience to our Village. He is a CPA, former Fiscal Officer in Cuyahoga County, owner and founder of Steen Company, former Franklin County Treasurer, former President and founder of Steen and Kennedy, and acted as Assistant Chief Deputy Auditor and Senior Deputy Auditor of the Auditor of State of Ohio office. He will begin his training with Lynda on September 29 and will work about 25 hours/week. Scott Doellinger has been hired as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Scott is a retired architect, committed to proactive maintenance, well-versed in construction administration and building code resources. Because of budget constraints, Scott has been hired to work a maximum of 20 hours/week, so much of our enforcement will remain complaint-driven until after the November election when we will revisit the job duties. He will begin September 22 with his first assignment to inventory violations throughout the Village. Why the new Code Enforcement Officer? Sadly, Lt. Waldenmyer has had to resign as our Code Enforcement Officer because of increased demands of his full-time job and family obligations. Many thanks for years of service and for stepping in when I needed the position filled. Please note that Lt. Waldenmyer is still on the Minerva Park Police Department on a continued part-time basis.

Golf Course: I don’t have anything new to report other than one of the developers that we met with has declined an interest in purchasing or developing the property.

Beggars Night: It has been scheduled for Thursday, October 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will have as many police officers out as possible, and the EMS will be out to distribute candy. Let’s be watchful of our little trick-or-treaters. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween. By the way, if Beggars Night has to be rescheduled, we'll follow MORPC’s lead, as we did last year.

Please see Council Committee reports, following.

Public Hearing

Variance Request

6p, November 10
Community Building

Nicky Mehta, 5360 Cleveland Ave., rezoning from R3 Suburban Residential to Suburban Office and Institutional District ... addition of 3 hard-surfaced parking spaces.

Ordinance 12-2014 to adopt a section to 1272.04 of the codified ordinances regarding motor vehicle service and repair.
Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings ...

**Service**, Jennifer Pauken. As of August 21, smoke testing (part of the sanitary sewer project) was complete. Results and analysis will be forthcoming, but an initial review showed approximately 15 areas with deficiencies. Once our engineering firm, CH2M Hill, completes its data analysis piece of the project, I will have more accurate information to share regarding the extent of our sewer issues. As reported last month, Local Waste was selected as the trash service provider for the Village, with a three-year contract. Its first collection is scheduled for Monday, October 6. The monthly cost per residence is $14.25, less than what residents in other neighborhoods participating in a consortium are paying. If you have any questions or concerns about the sewer project or trash service, please contact me at mp-pauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880.

**Streets**, Ed Detwiler. Nothing to report. Any residents who wish to report damage to their streets are encouraged to contact me at 895-0465 or at mp-detwiler@minervapark.org.

**Community**, Dave Way. No report submitted.

**Finance**, John Michels. The Finance Committee met on September 6 to discuss several important topics, including the selection of a bank for Village deposits and banking services. Ohio Revised Code §135 requires the Village to review and select a bank every five years. Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg sent requests for proposals to WesBanco, Huntington, Fifth Third, PNC, Key, and US Bank. Only Huntington and WesBanco responded to our requests, and based on its significantly lower annual fees, WesBanco was recommended to the full Council for selection.

Fiscal Officer Sudderberg also reported on the results of a review conducted by the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, confirming that Minerva Park is entitled to more than $11,000 in insurance premium refunds. This is excellent news, and we thank Lynda for her diligence in finding this money on our behalf.

Speaking of audits, the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement is complete and available for viewing at the State Auditor’s website: https://ohioauditor.gov/audits?search=2014/Village_of_Minerva_Park_13_12-Franklin.pdf. An independent public accounting firm, Kennedy Cottrell Richards, evaluated receipts, disbursements, and balances recorded in 2012 and 2013, including Mayor’s Court and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions. The Finance Committee is very proud of this review. In test after test, the auditors found no exceptions with our work. The few errors that were identified occurred in 2012, and some were subsequently corrected in 2013, further validating our confidence in the efforts taken by the administration to keep Village finances in order, in the face of a tight economy.

Finally, the Finance Committee discussed some “what-ifs” related to the income tax issue on the November 4 ballot and potential impacts to the budget if the issue is voted down. The consensus is that, once the issue is decided by voters, yay or nay, we will systematically and objectively review all line-items (police, EMS, pool, code enforcement, etc.), request and consider resident feedback, and prioritize spending accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me at jmichels@minervapark.org with any questions.

**Legislation**, Pam Park-Curry.

On page 3 is an announcement for a public hearing on proposed zoning ordinances and changes. One item for the public hearing is a rezoning on Cleveland Avenue, and another is the motor vehicle...
repair/service ordinance. The Legislative Committee has been working closely with the Planning & Zoning Commission because one of its duties is to “report to Council its recommendations concerning … zoning ordinances and regulations.” Recently, Planning & Zoning has been discussing how to more clearly define sections of the fence ordinance. If you would like to see Council make changes in our zoning ordinances, consider coming to one of the Planning & Zoning meetings to address your concerns. The process begins with Planning & Zoning.

One much needed item for the Village is to have our ordinances codified so the ordinances passed since the last codification can be integrated into our current code. Our housing and zoning codes need updating, along with the traffic codes, which are extremely important for police enforcement. While we often talk about the proposed income tax increase being able to provide revenue for police coverage and big ticket items, increased revenue also is needed to do this codification, keep it updated, and make it available to everyone as an on-line service. Legislation can be found on the Minerva Park website, minervapark.org/legislation. If you have any questions, please contact me at mp-curry@minervapark.org or 890-5809.

Safety, Todd Walter. Nothing to report.

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**Fall Clean-Up**

Saturday, October 25
8:00a-noon
Free breakfast for workers.
Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building. If you can work at other times or have questions, call Dave Way 895-9963.

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**Village Financials**

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

August 2014
Beg balance general fund...........$169,925
Receipts..................................$282,401
Disbursements........................($98,600)
Ending balance.......................$353,725

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Response - Between 2010 and 2013, the Village’s General Fund revenues fell by more than $268,700 (approx 20%). The Regional Income Tax Agency (the company that administers MP’s income tax collections) estimates that the November 4 income tax issue will generate $360,000 in new revenues. A .75% increase was forecast to bring in only $270,000, barely breaking even. Council determined that a 1% increase was the best path to offset what has been lost since 2010, while being able to (1) return to previous service levels for police, EMS, code enforcement, and leaf pick-up, (2) help fund big-ticket infrastructure improvements, and (3) replenish the Rainy Day Fund to be at levels required by the state and allowing the Village to have matching funds when seeking grants or to be able to apply for loans.

Village-paid Leaf Pick-Up
As a cost-cutting measure, Council decided in 2013 to eliminate Village-paid curbside leaf pick-up. Many residents understandably were unhappy about this. At this time, most (if not all) Council members would vote to reinstate curbside leaf pick-up in 2015 if the income tax increase passes. A formal vote can come after the November election, if the income tax passes.

Sanitary Sewers
During the last several months, you probably have seen articles or heard updates about the Village’s progress toward meeting the requirements of the Ohio EPA Director’s Findings and Orders, a/k/a the sanitary sewer project. To recap, this requires the Village to examine its sanitary sewer system, identify problem areas, and develop a plan for remediating any problems. Using a combination of allocated money from the General Fund and from the Sewer Capital Fund, we have been able to make significant headway on this project, as follows:

- Developed an Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan.
- Conducted a physical survey of Minerva Park’s sewer system.
- Conducted flow monitoring tests.
- Conducted smoke testing, which allows identification of infiltration and inflow, showing places where the sanitary and storm sewers are compromised.

As this article goes to press, we are awaiting the full report and data analysis from the physical survey, flow monitoring, and smoke testing. Once this report is complete, we will know where our sewer system is compromised, and we will be able to plan for the required repairs. An initial review showed approximately 15 areas with deficiencies. In addition to mandating that the Village remediate sewer deficiencies, the Ohio EPA Director’s Findings and Orders specify that we are to develop an ongoing plan for monitoring and managing our sewer system.

The major question is, of course, what will any repairs cost? Without complete data analysis from the engineering team working with the Village, we cannot arrive at a definitive amount, but, based on preliminary discussions with the Village engineer, we can predict that sewer repairs will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is likely that the Village will need to obtain loans or grants to pay for these repairs. Having strong financials will position the Village to obtain low-interest loans or provide matching funds when seeking grants. The work must be done; it is not an option.

Rainy Day Fund
A contingency reserve allows municipalities to set aside money for use in times of unexpected expenses or revenue shortfalls. These funds may be used to address temporary cash flow shortages, weather-related emergencies, unanticipated economic downturns, and one-time opportunities. A contingency reserve provides flexibility to respond to unexpected challenges that may negatively impact service delivery to residents (e.g., replacing a vehicle that suddenly becomes inoperable).

One best practice resource, the Government Finance Officers Association, recommends having a reserve equivalent to approximately 2-3 months’ worth of General Fund spending. For Minerva Park, this would total nearly $300,000. Our contingency reserve in the General Fund currently stands at about $100,000, well below the recommended benchmark.

As stated above, the 1% income tax increase will restore funding to some projects and put the Village back on a path to replenish its Rainy Day Fund to recommended - and more comfortable - levels.

Big-Ticket Projects
At the September 15 Coffee with Council, residents asked for “price tags” - even just approximations would be acceptable - of the projects that need to be done, to help them to understand the need for an income tax increase. Below is an attempt to do that.

You have been hearing from the Mayor and the Council about mandated repairs to the earthen dam and how it relates to the golf course and private properties downstream. To review, we have been ordered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to...

- establish an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and an Operations, Inspections and Maintenance Plan.
- conduct smoke testing, which allows identification of infiltration and inflow, showing places where the sanitary and storm sewers are compromised.

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FORMER RESIDENTS

MP Plan (OI&M).

- remove trees from the dam (this means the entire walking path that holds back the lake waters).
- make repairs to the spillway, potentially enlarging it to accommodate water capacity because it flows over the spillway.

We needed to determine the classification of the dam (Class 2 or Class 3) to continue our work, beginning with additional engineering studies, the costs of the repairs, and the tree removal. To date, we have made some progress. We have...

- received approval for our EAP and OI&M Plans.
- removed several trees both by a professional company and by some of our wonderful volunteers on Lake Clean-up days.

Once the dam classification is determined, probably a Class 2 because there is a possibility of development downstream, we will need to continue engineering studies to begin the dam remediation. The cost? Easily in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Next, we know that if we are going to keep the North Lake, we must dredge it. Old estimates put the cost of this project at several hundred thousand dollars.

The rock dam behind the Community Building has a silt pit that also needs to be dredged at a price tag of between $3,000 and $4,000.

Except for the rock dam dredging project, we will likely finance the earthen dam and North Lake projects with loans or bonds.

We all know that our Village has many aged, large trees on public property that need to be removed. This, too, is a very expensive venture. One tree can cost as much as a $1,000.

Our aging pool is in need of repairs. The baby pool has been nursed along for several seasons, but this can’t go on much longer.

The walls of the large pool also are showing wear. While there is no firm cost associated with either of these projects, we know from the last two pool improvement projects that it will be several hundred thousand dollars. We have been very fortunate that we have received grant money from ODNR (with matching funds). To apply, qualify, and receive the matching grant funds, the Village must show that we have the financial ability to complete a project because these are reimbursement grants. This means that we receive the monies only after the project is completed. Some of these projects, primarily the earthen dam, must be done or we could face fines for noncompliance. Others, such as the pool, could be considered elective because the pool is an amenity to the Village.

Questions

This year, the Community Association is hosting Candidates Night on Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Faith Life Family Church, 2580 Jordan Road. You are invited to submit questions in advance to mpvoterquestions@gmail.com and attend the discussion, devoted to the Income Tax issue.

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In 2015, Minerva Park will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. With this focus, this periodic personal-interest column will interview Village residents with the ultimate purpose of deepening our sense of community by helping us know our neighbors and our history.

On the days the temperature is above 35°F and not raining, you may see Dick Busick riding his bike through our Village. And since 2002, he’s been riding from his home on Maplewood to The Ohio State University campus to teach 1st-year Engineering courses. The trip takes 55 minutes, only 10 minutes longer than driving and parking his car on West Campus.

Even though Dick enjoys his present job of teaching at Ohio State and riding to campus, bike riding has not always been fun and safe. Dick once suffered an accident on the Olentangy Bike Path when a student used it as a jumping ramp, propelling his mountain bike right into Dick. The student was not hurt, but Dick was knocked unconscious, suffering 4 broken ribs and a broken collar bone. Despite his injuries, Dick missed only one day of teaching.

Dick is a member of Ohio State’s Committee on Academic Misconduct, the Chairman of which was MP resident Tim Curry, who asked Dick to make a presentation on a video that the Committee was making for incoming freshmen. Given 3 minutes of the 8-minute video, Dick talked about what constitutes misconduct, like plagiarism and copying others’ homework. By now, about 30,000 freshmen have seen the video.

Dick is an electrical engineer with BS and MA degrees from Ohio State and an MS from Carnegie Mellon University in Computer Science. He worked for Bell Telephone Labs for 39 years and retired in 2001 when the company downsized. Dick’s father also was an electrical engineer who, as Chief Engineer and president of the firm, traveled the world for the Marion Power Shovel Co.

Dick’s wife, Mary Alice, was an English Major at Otterbein. In 1993, she received an MSW in Social Work from Ohio State and completed the 3-year Gestalt Training program at the Gestalt Institute of the Central Ohio. She was an English teacher at Marion Franklin High School and later at Westerville South. She continues to counsel part-time at her church and paints watercolors for personal enjoyment. Mary Alice’s father, Dave Parks, was the football coach at Columbus Central High School where he coached Howard “Hopalong” Cassidy, and the Busicks still have Hop’s bronzed Rose Bowl shoe and his Heisman trophy pin.

Dick and Mary Alice have two children. David, now a Westerville resident, has a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering and an MA in Business Administration, all from Ohio State. Amy, living in Colorado Springs, has a BS in Computer Science from Ohio State with a minor in Music.

Fifty years ago, Dick and Mary Alice moved out of their upstairs apartment near the Ohio State campus to our lovely Minerva Park, choosing MP over Worthington because Mary Alice had forged friendships with Westerville classmates living in MP and through her parents’ friends at church.

Dick’s service to the Village and to the Northland Community began early, with memories of sheep grazing south of the golf course. He has served on the MP Village Council, with terms as Council President, and chair of the Safety, Streets, and Community Committees. He is one of the original organizers of MP’s neighborhood garage sale. He was a founding member, president, and treasurer of the MP Civic Association, the forerunner of the present-day Community Association. He has been Treasurer for the MP Community Association for about 7 years now. He also has served as MP’s Code Enforcement Officer, credentialed well by his background in zoning. As the NCC Zoning Chairman for most of the years between 1969 and 1992, Dick worked to establish the NCC’s credibility with Columbus and the development community; helped to reduce the zoning density of Northland apartments by more than 50% in the 1970s; negotiated the Simon-Meijer shopping center zoning; and presented more than 2,000 zoning cases to Columbus City Council, the Development Commission, and the Franklin County Commissioners. He is a former member of the Columbus Traffic Commission and was a member of the original St. Ann’s Hospital Board (political) that campaigned successfully to secure voter support of the original bonds, thus allowing for St. Ann’s construction.

In 2005, it was for these and other accomplishments that Dick was honored at the annual NCC Awards Banquet, receiving certificates from both the Ohio House of...
Representatives and the Ohio Senate in appreciation.

His most interesting job was as an engineer for the Bell Labs located on East Broad Street. He traveled often and obtained patents for electronic computer systems that were applied to the electro-mechanical backbone of the local Bell System switching network called #5Xbar.

Dick has been water dousing since he was 11. Those country folk among us recognize that to mean he can locate underground pipes or any major underground discontinuities with divining rods, usually simple bent coat hangers. He has had success in the United States and Europe. No one really understands the mechanics of dousing, but it may work through low-level magnetic fields created by discontinuities in the earth that are detected by the human body.

Dick and Mary Alice do not like what is happening in the areas around the Village. Dick worked hard to help develop the Northland area to benefit our Village, but he now believes that a lot of his efforts may have been in vain. Nonetheless, Dick likes the natural beauty of MP and that there are no sidewalks and no lights. “It’s a wonderful place to walk,” said Mary Alice, having walked 4 miles that morning with her walking partner. She enjoys sitting in the Mary Yost Park and by the South Lake. Mary, a long-time resident, was an Ohio State professor in the women’s Physical Education Department, instrumental in MP gardens and fondly remembered as the original MinervaFlora. A trust established by her estate maintains the small park located at the east end of Lakewood Dr.

In the 1890s, the Green Line trolley connected downtown Columbus with Westerville, and the Minerva Amusement Park was built to encourage ridership. Stop by the northeast corner of the South Lake to read the historical marker or visit minervapark.org/history.htm to learn more. After the Amusement Park closed, the Ohio National Guard equestrian unit used the area of the present golf course for practice and drills. And that leads us to more present-day with Dick finding the abandoned tracks of the Green Line when he, as NCC Zoning Chairman, set out to plant a memorial tree in front of the Community Building … he hit the cinder base of the trolley line while digging the hole.

Expect more MP history memories in the coming months as Dick and Mary Alice look forward to the celebration next year. “Minerva Park’s 75th Anniversary will be a grand opportunity for people who have left the Village to come back and celebrate.”

Help us celebrate Minerva Park’s 75th Anniversary on September 12, 2015. Please contact MPCA President Dani Wolf at president@mympca.org for information.

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MP’s 75th Anniversary

On September 12 next year, Minerva Park will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its incorporation. The Committee is in need of volunteers. See mympca.org or contact MPCA president Dani Wolf at president@mympca.org for information.
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• No foreign materials such as brush, twigs, or grass clippings, damaging the equipment.
• Rake leaves to the curb only – not into the street.
• Refrain from on-street parking, especially on cul-de-sacs or circles.

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Medic Report
August 2014
Medic 119 made 9 runs - 2 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park, with 5 patients transported to local hospitals. 11 members volunteered a total of 131.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,803.9 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Tim Lockard (31.3 hours), Tom Balliett (19.3 hours), Brian Horton (14.3 hours), and Marissa Kurtz (24 hours).

Our New Neighbors!
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Russell & Maureen Hemmelgarn, 2866 Lakewood, 286-8761, from Columbus
Samantha Byrum, 3227 Minerva Lake Road, 582-0732, from Westerville
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If you learn of any new residents - or if you’re a new resident but haven’t received your welcome packet - please contact Paul Miller, pemill@earthlink.net

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Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are October 8 & 29, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

July 2014
Citation payments ...................... 72
Village General Fund ........... $4,167
Computer Fund ...................... $189
Remitted to the State ............ $1,431
Columbus ............................... $50
Total Court Receipts ........... $5,736

Police Report

August - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.
3.... 8:36p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd, assault
6.... 4:05p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, theft
10.. 3:15p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd, breaking & entering
11. 5:50p, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd, warning citation
11. 1:59p, 5300 blk Cleveland Ave, attempted aggravated robbery
12.. 10:16p, 2900 blk Kernwood Dr, interfering with custody
22.. 8:09a, 5000 blk Farview Dr, hit-skip •

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings in the street wind up clogging MP storm sewers, costing the Village money. Please mulch grass clippings into your own yard or dispose of them properly. Thanks for being a good neighbor.
Candidates Night

Thursday, October 16
7p to 8:30p
Faith Life Family Church
2580 Jordan Road
Candidates’ Night this year will focus on the Income Tax. Come learn about this important topic.

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Next deadline:
Wednesday, Oct 10, 5p

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