The Purpose of Your ...
Code Enforcement Officer

By Scott Doellinger AIA, sdoellinger@minervapark.org

My purpose as the Village’s Code Enforcement Officer is that of a guiding hand, suggestion maker, and finally enforcer of the rules the Village has agreed to live by. I have been tasked by the Mayor, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Village Council to improve the Village by enforcing the standards written in the Village Code of Ordinances to a pristine residential bedroom community.

I am not interested in “catching” someone doing something wrong. I much rather work with a property owner to find the best solution for the situation. As a Registered Architect, I appreciate a well maintained property where the quality of the property has been enhanced by good aesthetic decisions.

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7p-9p, Community Building

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FEBRUARY DATES
3 (7:30p) .......... Planning & Zoning
4 (7p) ............. 75th Anny Planning
7 (8a) .......... Council Work Session
9 (7p) .............. Council Meeting
11 (5p) .......... Villager Deadline
11 (7p) .......... MPCA Meeting
13 (7p-9p) .......... Valentine’s Dance
16 (7p) .......... Coffee with Council
18 (6p) .......... Mayor’s Court
23 (7p) .......... Council Meeting

Residents are invited ...
Monday, February 16
7:00p Community Building
to have “Coffee with Council.”
This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

MP’s 75th Anniversary

On September 12, 2015, Minerva Park will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its incorporation. The Committee is in need of volunteers, so please contact MPCA president Dani Wolf at president@mympca.org for information.

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Congratulations to the following winners of the annual Festival of Lights contest 2014. The decorating season was a challenge because of the weather, but there were a few more residences to judge. This year we have some deserving new winners, and we thank those previous winners who decorate every year. If you are a winner and an MPCA member, you will receive a gift certificate. If you are a winner and not an MPCA member, you will receive a complimentary 2014-2015 MPCA membership. Thanks to all of the decorators, and special thanks to the judges.

**Best Outdoor Tree**
3071 Minerva Lake Rd.
Steve & Lisa Thitoff
The tree by the driveway with a purple top and white trunk immediately caught the judges’ eyes. An evergreen group also was colorfully lighted.

**Honorable Mention**
5353 East Shore Dr.

**Best Entrance Way**
3219 Minerva Lake Rd.
Bill & Jean Rickly
A nicely lighted entry way that included a wreath and a lighted Christmas tree.

**Best Religious Theme**
2753 Wildwood Rd.
Lynn Eisenrut
Authentic Nativity scene lit with the Holy Family figures.

**Honorable Mentions**
3202 Minerva Lake Rd., 2692 Wildwood, 5336 Ponderosa

**Best Whimsical Display**
2791 Alder Vista Dr.
Bob & Pat Waddell
Multicolored lights out front and on the house with lighted figurines on the lawn. Reindeer & a sleigh and Santa & Mrs. Claus featured. Glass luminaires along the driveway.

**Honorable Mention**
5336 Ponderosa

**Best Outline Effect**
3209 Minerva Lake Rd.
Brian & Barbara Sutton
Lights on roof line with white alternating icicles, candy cane group, and a lighted lined driveway that reminded the judges of a Santa landing strip.

**Honorable Mentions**
2777 Wildwood, 2623 Wildwood, 2631 Wildwood

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5073 Maplewood, 5353 Ponderosa, 2785 Wildwood

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Our New Neighbors!

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Francine & Katherine McKee
Klakos, 5781 Maplewood, 804-3757, from Kenmore Park

Glen & Jennifer Goble, 2732 Minerva Lake Rd, 423-7304, from Clintonville

Michael Khoury & Heather Gregg, 2785 Park Lane Dr, 477-7419, from Columbus

Robert Moore & Suzan Flanagan, 3041 Minerva Lake Rd, 563-9917 or 563-9691, from Bexley

Caroline & James Kish, 2686 Maplewood, 313-4338, from Clintonville

Francis Perrenoud & Mariam Delarosa, 2576 Minerva Lake Rd, 917-238-0934 or 917-209-0071, from Columbus

Lori & Morris Manning, 2752 Minerva Lake Rd, 394-8086, from Westerville

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Well, so far this winter hasn’t been so bad. I want to thank all who are making a concerted effort to park cars in driveways so the streets can be plowed when it does snow. It is extremely helpful for our friends on the Blendon Township street-plowing crew. See the notice on the back cover.

Volunteer Needed: We are expecting a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission in March or April. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30p. Please contact me if you are interested in serving your Village. I can be reached at 882-5743 or mayor@minervapark.org.

Council President Election: Congratulations to Councilman Ed Detwiler for his reelection as the President of Council for 2015.

Golf Course: I have met with two developers. The first withdrew shortly after our meeting. The meeting with the second developer was a second meeting, but they are just beginning to mull over the project and are not in contract. I will keep you updated.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held in January, except for Councilwoman Pauken, who was excused.

EMS/Fire: Chief Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. It was an uneventful month. That means

Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings...
have any questions, please contact me at ppark-curry@minervapark.org or 890-5809.

**Safety**, Todd Walter. The Minerva Park Police department has ordered its 2015 cruiser, a Ford Utility Interceptor. The delivery date is between 60 to 120 days. An NRA firearms grant has been submitted for the acquisition of a rifle, valued at approximately $850. Notification of the award status should be in early March 2015. Interviews of police officer candidates are continuing. The department is on track to meet its staffing goal by the end of May. Officer training on the use of tasers has been arranged with the Blendon Township Police for later this month, at no charge.

**Service**, Jennifer Pauken. The Service Committee will meet on February 10 to discuss the next steps for the Ohio EPA Director’s Findings and Orders (the sewer project). Residents are welcome to attend. As always, please feel free to contact me at jpauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880 with any questions or concerns.

**Streets**, Ed Detwiler. There is nothing new to report. Any residents who wish to report damage to their streets are encouraged to contact 895-0465 or edetwiler@minervapark.org.

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

**Finance**, John Michels. On January 12, Council approved the November and December financials of $71,881.99 and $81,144.49, respectively. This brings total Village spending in all funds to $1,107,601.53, which is nearly 20% below what Council appropriated for calendar year 2014. Throughout the year, I have highlighted numerous examples of responsible spending and budget savings achieved by the Mayor and department chiefs, and we are deeply appreciative of their efforts. We are also deeply appreciative of our residents who asked questions, attended meetings, held Council’s feet to the fire on budget issues, and ultimately voted on the income tax issue.

2015 will bring a new and different set of challenges and opportunities, as we look to fill police staffing vacancies and start to tackle some major projects (lakes, earthen dam, sewers, etc.) that will make Minerva Park an even better place to call home.

One challenge, sadly, is that Fiscal Officer Wade Steen has announced he will be leaving us soon to pursue opportunities in the private sector. We are advertising for and interviewing candidates, and Wade has indicated a willingness to stay on until a replacement is found. We are grateful for his service and wish him well as he grows his business.

The Finance Committee met on January 22 to discuss the 2015 budget and employee health insurance. Looking ahead, I am pleased to announce that Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo will speak at the April 20 Coffee with Council. The discussion will focus primarily on two property tax levies that are scheduled to appear for renewal by residents on the May and November ballots.

We encourage all residents to attend committee meetings, Council meetings, and Coffee with Council events to offer your insight on Village issues. Residents are encouraged to submit any finance-related questions or comments to jmichels@minervapark.org or 273-9026.

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- Keep a good charge on your cell phone so you can call for help.
- Learn how to pinpoint your location.

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- Stay with your car. Do not try to walk to safety.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won’t back up into the car.
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December - MP Police made no arrests.
3.... 3:40p, Minerva Lake Rd. at State Rt. 3, domestic dispute
9.... 3:30p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., assault
24.. 10:10a, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
30.. 3:30p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., theft •
Trees Planted - In an effort to create a natural playground, tree professionals and 3rd- and 5th-graders planted seven new trees in the warm soil before the severe weather arrived: two hackberries, two swamp white oaks, two red maples, and one sugar maple. The natural playground is being funded by the PTO with help from the Westerville Education Foundation.

Free T-Shirts - If you start to notice a lot more school spirit around the neighborhood, that’s thanks to the Hawthorne PTO, which is providing a free Hawthorne Mustangs T-shirt for every student and staff member. The shirts are being paid for from PTO fundraising efforts, with sponsorships from businesses, whose logos will appear on the back.

Upcoming Events - Watch the Hawthorne website, hawthorneschool.org/, for the February Donuts with Dad event and the last Book Fair of the year. Hawthorne is seeking volunteers to help with both events.

If you have any news from Hawthorne that may be of interest to MP Residents, please contact Jenny Lin at jenny@twinlins.com or 330-2667.
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**MPCA Facebook** - facebook.com/groups/26403899150/
**Village website** - minervapark.org
**Police Facebook** - facebook.com/minervapark pd

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MPCA President Dani Wolf................................. 948-2372

The **Villager** is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The **Villager** reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor’s signature and phone number. The **Villager** is online at minervapark.org/villager.

Next deadline: Wednesday, February 11, 5p

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