Trailer Talk
By Scott Doellinger AIA, Code Enforcement Officer
sdoellinger@minervapark.org

Trailers extend the usefulness of vehicles by allowing additional types and capacity of cargo to be towed. Village residents may park in the Village their privately registered trailers (non-commercial plates) that are not used for commercial activities under the following conditions:
1. The trailer must be parked a minimum of 10 feet behind the front line of the house (no front yard parking). Loading and unloading forward of the front line of the house is allowed for a maximum of 48 hours in any one week.
2. The trailer must be parked on an asphalt, concrete, or pavers.
3. The trailer must be parked 8 or more feet away from the rear and side property lines and within 2 to 20 feet of a house or accessory building.
4. The trailer may not be longer than the structure it is parked against.
5. Fixed utility connections and use as a dwelling are not permitted.
6. All trailers must have non-commercial license plates displaying current registration stickers.

BUSINESS-OWNED TRAILERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE PARKED IN THE VILLAGE AT ANY TIME, unless associated with permitted construction or delivery of materials on a temporary basis.

If you have questions, desire clarity, or wish to comment, please contact me at 882-5732, sdoellinger@minervapark.org.

May your trailer always be behind you.

Adopt-a-Garden
By Lisa Craddock Thitoff, MinervaFlora Co-Chair

With all of the recent cold weather, we forget that spring will come again, eventually. With the coming of spring ... and Minerva Park’s 75th Anniversary celebration in September 2015 ... the Village needs your help sprucing up the public grounds. Here are the five locations where we need volunteers:

- Back of the Community Building
- Maplewood Road entrance
- Inside the pool
- Outside the pool
- Minerva Lake Road entrance

If you can help, no matter how many hours you can give, please contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2166.

MARCH DATES
7 (8a) ..........Council Work Session
9 (7p) ...............Council Meeting
10 (7:30p) ............Planning & Zoning
11 (6p) ................Mayor’s Court
16 (7p) ...............Coffee with Council
18 (5p) ................Villager Deadline
18 (7p) ................MPCA Meeting
23 (7p) ..............Council Meeting
29 (4p) ....Commty Garden Kick-Off

2015 Community Garden Kick-Off
Sunday, March 29, 4p
Community Building

Interested in renting a Community Garden plot? A 100 sq.ft. plot rents for only $25 for the entire growing season, April through October. Available sizes are 4’ x 25’ or 10’ x 10’, but availability is limited. Gardeners are required to pay their fee and sign the 2015 Minerva Park Community Garden Guidelines and Rules to reserve a plot.

For more information, contact Karen Cogley, karen.cogley17@gmail.com, 899-2024.

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

Coffee with Council

Residents are invited ...
January - MP Police made no arrests.
8.... 7:46a, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., deceased person
21.. 11:44a, Storage Inns, 5100 blk Westerville Rd, breaking & entering reported

Medic 119 made 43 runs - 5 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park, with 22 patients transported to local hospitals.
16 members volunteered a total of 381 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 381 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Scott Logsdon (46.5 hours), Frank Meredith (46.5 hours), and Brian Horton (44.3 hours).

January 2015

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

January 2015

Beg balance general fund......$317,298
Receipts............................$40,254
Disbursements...................($60,572)
Ending balance..................$296,980

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Making Sure Your Electrical Work Is Up To Code
Your Village Council now meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays 7 p.m. at the Community Building. Coffees with Council are held on the third Monday at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars for the April 20 Coffee with Council because Auditor Clarence Mingo will be our guest speaker (thank you, Councilman Michels for arranging this). The Auditor will explain the difference between replacement and renewal levies and address any other tax-related questions you may have.

**Pool:** The discount pool membership sale will be held on April 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Community Building. There will be more information in the April Villager.

**Lake Clean-up:** Lake Clean-up has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held February 9.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report and discussed the need for a new EMS vehicle.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported that interviews continue to fill the third full-time position. Since the Council meeting, we have interviewed and offered the position to a good candidate. As I write my report to you, he is going through the last of the hiring process, and we hope that his appointment is affirmed at the March 9 Council meeting.

The Chief reported that she is serving on the Central Ohio Cyber Security Initiative Work Group in Franklin County. They are working on best practices and protocol for local government and private businesses.

She has met with the Ford representative to review the build list for the 2015 vehicle. Delivery should be in 60-90 days.

**Legal:** Law Director Jennifer Croghan suggested that Resolution 2015-6 should indicate that Council accepts Wade Steen’s resignation as Fiscal Officer and approved the appointment of Jeffrey Wilcheck as the new Fiscal Officer effective February 9.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Councilman David Way had nothing to report. The Mayor added that there was a good discussion at the 75th Anniversary planning meeting. Two new people attended the meeting, and it ended up being a great brainstorming session.

**Northland Community Council:** Mayor Eisentrouth reported that Columbus City Councilman Shannon Hardin addressed the NCC Council about his background in city government and the committees he now sits on as a City Council Member. State Representative David Leland is working with the Columbus City Police Department and the City Attorney’s office to introduce a bill addressing and redefining nuisance complaints. The NCC 50th Anniversary Banquet celebration is to be held at Villa Milano’s on May 7. The 161 Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Shredding Day is May 16.

New officers for the NCC Board were elected.

**New Business:** Chief Nuesse, in response to a Council member’s concern about safety at the Community Building for meetings, Mayors Court, and social events, suggested a safety audit. This service is provided by the Ohio Supreme Court at no charge. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. You may have read about a shooting during a Council meeting in another state about a month ago, thus prompting our discussion.

Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings...

**Safety,** Todd Walter. No report submitted.

**Service,** Jennifer Pauken.
The Service Committee met on February 10 to discuss the sewer project. CH2M Hill, the engineering firm used by the Village, supplied a draft report of the sewer system survey based on 2014’s flow monitoring, manhole inspections, and smoke testing. Expect to see more detailed articles in future issues of the Villager, but the general conclusion is that manhole inspections and smoke testing revealed a small percentage of inflow/infiltration sources (less than 20% of the potential sources). It...
is CH2M Hill’s recommendation that further data gathering through closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections is necessary to identify problem areas. Subsequently, we are in the process of outlining a rolling, multi-year schedule for televising and cleaning the sewer lines with the goal of then developing a comprehensive maintenance plan. Once the survey report and CCTV program schedule are finalized, they will be posted to the Village website. As always, please feel free to contact me at jpauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880 with any questions or concerns.

**Streets**, Ed Detwiler. The Streets Committee met on January 29, discussing the DRAFT Street Maintenance Program document prepared by the Village’s engineering firm, CH2M Hill. This comprehensive document provides base information, including definitions, maintenance categories, and program cycles. This new document is designed so it easily can be updated to serve as a tracking tool for major work performed and a long-range planning tool for budget and appropriation purposes. We will add a section to track the actual costs incurred and detailed work performed from year to year.

The Village has close to 5.8 linear center-line miles of paved streets, equating to nearly 735,000 square feet of surface area. The square footage of a street’s surface area multiplied by the cost per square foot of a particular maintenance application, such as slurry seal, is used in computing an estimated budget number. CH2M Hill currently recommends $0.20 per square foot for slurry-seal. Our actual estimated cost will be determined by the proposal accepted from the selected contractor and whether or not the street needs any underlying repair before applying the slurry seal. Any residents who wish to receive a detailed account or wish to report damage to their streets are encouraged to contact me at 895-0465 or at edetwiler@minervapark.org.

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

**Finance**, John Michels. On February 9, Council approved the January financials of $60,572.29 and welcomed our new Fiscal Officer, Jeffrey Wilcheck. He has more than 30 years of experience with local governments, having served as assistant finance director for Westerville, finance director for Obetz, and as Chief Project Manager for the Local Government Services Section of the Auditor of State of Ohio. Jeff is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member the Ohio GFOA, AICPA, and the Ohio Society of CPAs.

The Finance Committee met on February 16 to discuss the 2015 budget. Council is required to pass the annual appropriations ordinance by April 1. Typically, this ordinance would be passed earlier, but with the income tax issue still to be decided by residents, it was necessary to wait until the revenue picture was clearer. Therefore, Council enacted a temporary appropriations measure to cover operations through March 31. An important outcome of the February 16 meeting was the recommended reinstatement of curbside leaf pickup into the final 2015 appropriation. Please feel free to submit any finance-related questions or comments to jmichels@minervapark.org or 273-9026.

**Legislation**, Pam Park-Curry. Now that council meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, this report will cover legislation that was presented at the January 26 meeting and at the February 9 meeting of council. On January 26, Ordinance 15-2014 was tabled because Chief Nuesse is making the final edits to the Police Policy and Procedures manual. That ordinance will be removed from the table when the manual is complete. As you know, there will be a 4 mill levy on the May ballot and that legislation went through a final reading and was passed at the January meeting.
Police-related legislation at the January 26 meeting included appointing Brittany Smith as a part-time officer and the first reading of legislation to authorize an Internet site if the Village wants to put used or out-of-date items up for auction. At the February 9 meeting, the Internet auction resolution had a second reading. Officer Jeremy Pacha was appointed as a full-time officer, and the appointment of Jeffrey Wilcheck as the new fiscal officer was approved by Resolution 2015-6. Legislation was passed accepting the amended amount and rates as determined by the Franklin County Budget Commission. This piece of legislation is done each year following the adoption of a tax budget for the fiscal year. The Budget Commission estimates the amount to be collected for all levies in the Village, and this resolution accepts those amounts and rates.

As I sit here knowing there is a below zero wind chill outside, I am happy to report that legislation to be presented in the future includes setting swimming pool fees and choosing a vendor for the food machines at the pool.

Legislation can be found on the Minerva Park website, minervapark.org/legislation. If you have any questions, please contact me at ppark-curry@minervapark.org or 890-5809.

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Calendar of Events

SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Watch these resources for updates:
monthly Villager newsletter, mympca.org, minervapark.org

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Easter Egg Hunt

April 19
Pool Sign-up Day
noon - 2p
Community Bldg.
Sign up early for greater savings - enjoy a discount on memberships.

Underwritten by your $20 MPCA dues

April 19
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.
Hawthorne School
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Hamster Invasion – During February, the Hawthorne community – families, teachers, administrators, staff, custodians, duty aides, bus drivers, and volunteers – participated in “One Book, One School.” Every family was given the book The World According to Humphrey and read the same chapter each day. A real live hamster took turns visiting the classrooms along with other related classroom activities. If you didn’t participate, check out the book from the library and visit onehawthorne-onebook.weebly.com/.

Kindergarten 101 – It’s time already for the parents of preschoolers to start planning for kindergarten. Several district schools will gather at Hawthorne on March 10 at 7 p.m. for an introduction, where teachers and administrators will give information and answer questions. Child care will be available on request by calling 797-5934.

Upcoming Events – Watch the Hawthorne website, hawthorneschool.org/, for upcoming 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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NOTICE – The cash basis annual financial report of the Village of Minerva Park for the year ended December 31, 2014 has been completed and is available for public inspection in the fiscal office at 2829 Minerva Lake Road between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

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Next deadline: Wednesday, March 18, 5p

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