VOTE - Renewal Levy on May 5 Ballot

To continue a property tax levy that is expiring, MP will have a 4 mill renewal levy on the May 5 ballot. This is not a new tax levy ... MP residents first approved this levy in 1974, and then generally every 5 years since, last approving it in 2010. It comes up every 5 years.

At April’s Coffee with Council, Minerva Park was pleased to host guests from the County Auditor’s office, Mark Potts (Administrative Division) and Rick McGivern (Fiscal Division), for a very informative conversation about property taxes, the nuances between “replacement” vs. “renewal” levies, homestead exemptions, and more.

If residents approve the continuation of the 4 mills, it would continue to bring in approximately $132,600 to the Village. If residents do not approve the continuation of the 4 mills, those funds would cease to be collected in 2016, and the 2016 budget would be adjusted accordingly for the loss of revenue.

Minerva Park’s Ballot

There is only one item on Minerva Park’s ballot on May 5. Travel to the MP’s voting location, North Park Church of Christ, 4938 Westerville Road, to register your vote. If you need assistance getting to the polls, please call 890-2427.

#17 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Village of Minerva Park

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Minerva Park for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.40 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

☐ For the Tax Levy
☐ Against the Tax Levy

Police Meet & Greet

Following the residents passing the income tax increase, Chief Kim Nuesse has been ramping up to return the MP Police Department to full staffing.

She has hired two full-time police officers and 1 part-time police officer. Another part-time police officer is in the middle of the hiring process.

Residents are invited to an Open House on May 21 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.). Stop by and say hello, and get to know the new officers.

Light refreshments by the Community Association.

Residents are invited ...

Monday, May 18
7:00p Community Building
to have “Coffee with Council.”
This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

2 Village Garage Sales
this year. Details on pg 9.

MAY DATES

5 (6:30a-7:30p)..............VOTE
6 (7p).............75th Anny Planning
9 (8a) ............Council Work Session
11 (7p) .............Council Meeting
12 (7:30p)........ Planing & Zoning
13 (5p) ............ Villager Deadline
13 (6p) .............. Mayor’s Court
16 (10a-2p)........... Shredding Day
18 (7p) .............Coffee with Council
20 (7p) ............ MPCA Meeting
21 (6p-8p)........ Police Meet & Greet
23......Village Garage Sale Deadline
24 (noon) .............. Pool Opens
30 (9a-4p)........ Village Garage Sale
31..................Scholarship Deadline
The MPCA Community Association News

Easter Egg Hunt

The MPCA annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at Hawthorne Elementary School attracted approximately 80 youngsters. The brisk morning was no deterrent. The event goes fast, and fun was had by all. Thanks to helpers Kallie, Sydni, Lori Vogel, Michelle Stokes, Pam Park Curry, Donna Kopecky, Andy Morris, Sarah & her family, and the Easter Bunny.

Scholarship

The Nancy Fisher Memorial Scholarship annually awards a scholarship to a deserving Minerva Park high school graduate(s). Download an application and submission instructions at minervapark.org/scholarship. The application deadline is May 31.

MP Garden Tour

June 28, 1p-5p

Join us for Minerva Park’s annual garden tour. If you would like to be on the tour or help with the event, please contact co-chairs Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2611 or Bob Gale at 560-0452.

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I am sitting here writing my report to you on Sunday, the day we are holding the Pool Membership Discount Day. We are hoping for a good turnout because this money collected is our seed money to spend on paint, labor, chemicals, the water permit to fill the pool, etc., which is all used to prepare the pool for opening day on May 24 at noon. I encourage you to support your community pool. Like all pools, private or public, the weather determines our success, and we have had two less-than-stellar seasons in a row. Looking to the future, the baby pool is in need of repairs if not replacement. The walls of the large pool will need work, too. While I will apply for grants, these grants probably will be matching grants, so we will need to use some Village monies to fund these projects. Our lovely pool is one of our Village’s amenities, so let’s support it.

Lakes: The aerators are working, and treatments have begun for algae prevention. During our April 25 lake clean-up, we concentrated on the rock dam area and cut down some of the smaller trees on the earthen dam.

Golf Course: Some of you may have heard that MI Homes is in contract to purchase the golf course. This is very preliminary, and they are still negotiating terms so nothing is final. I hope to have some meetings with the stakeholders in May, along with Council and Planning & Zoning. By the time this newsletter is distributed, I will have met with the Westerville Public School Superintendent. As we know more, we will keep you informed.

All Council members except Dave Way were present at the Council meeting held April 13.

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter met with the Council at the Council work session to discuss the need for a new vehicle and his monthly reports.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse reported on a cyber-security issue. Homeland Security bulletins mentioned a malware called Crypto lockers. It is a virus that leads to a link. When that link is clicked, the data is locked. The only way to get the data back is to pay a ransom. Specific targets have been government offices, police departments, and some medical facilities, but the FBI has been unable to assist them. Being proactive, Chief Nuesse and I spoke with our IT staff about the steps to be taken to avoid infection. They put an affordable fix in place.

A promising candidate with more than 30 years of experience was interviewed for a part-time police officer position. If this candidate is hired, we just have one part-time position to fill. The Police Department will host an Open House for residents to meet all of the new officers on Thursday, May 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Planning and Zoning: There was no report because the Commission was scheduled to meet on the following evening.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger reported that he has issued a third summons into Mayor’s Court for noncompliance. Scott had a conversation with the State of Ohio Building Authority. They will be able to assist us with issues regarding commercial properties. As is typical this time of year, he will be concentrating on lawns that are not mowed and weeds. Please see Scott’s article on page 6 regarding grass, weeds, and trees.

We have so many more children in our Village and quite a few dogs, too. Please use caution when driving so our little residents stay safe. If you are lucky enough to be a dog owner (I just adopted a rescued, retired racing greyhound), please be considerate of your neighbors. Do not let your dogs run loose and keep them from barking excessively. Imagine if your neighbor works the third shift and is trying to sleep in the middle of the day. Or your neighbor has a baby they cannot get to sleep because your dog is always barking. Let’s be good neighbors and treat each other as we would all like to be treated.
This year we had no significant pot holes, and it looks like all identified problems can be fixed by Jim Nuesse, the Village’s maintenance person. Mayor Eisentrout and I met with Mike Flickinger from our engineering firm CH2MILL to determine what other work he recommends, and a report is in process for the review of Council.

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. A joint Finance/Safety Committee met in April to discuss the need to replace our EMS vehicle, which is about 10 years old and experiencing significant maintenance and repair issues. Questions from committee members centered on purchasing a new vs. used vehicle. Fire Chief Rick Hoeckstetter informed the joint committee that he contacted numerous dealers but was unsuccessful locating a used EMS vehicle that fits our needs. Specifically, the inventory of used vehicles is made up of trucks that are either too large and can’t fit in our garage or are built with the same engine type that is experiencing the same troubles ours is.

Chief Hoeckstetter indicated that a new vehicle will cost approximately $125,000, and the Village has already saved $60,000 in a fund designated for this purpose. According to Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck, the remaining $85,000 will need to be financed, likely via a short-term low interest bond anticipation note, pending Council’s legislatively approved. Council unanimously recommended that the Legislative Committee begin drafting the needed legislation and that the Fiscal Officer reach out to banks for financing options.

As a reminder, residents are encouraged to vote Tuesday, May 5. Minerva Park has a 4-mill levy on the ballot that is up for renewal. This is not a new levy, but replaces a levy that is expiring. Read more on page 1 and in the January 2015 Villager, pages 3-4 (minervapark.org/villager).

Please feel free to submit any finance-related questions or comments to jmichels@minervapark.org or 273-9026.

Legislation, Pam Park-Curry. At the March 23 Council meeting, Council passed Resolution 2015-8 to provide food vending machines at the swimming pool for this season.

On April 6, the Legislative Committee met with Fiscal Officer Jeff Wilcheck about upcoming legislation: Ordinance 4-2015, authorizing the use of blanket certifications as provided for in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41; Ordinance 5-2015, authorizing the payment of unused vacation from 2014 for the Police Chief; Ordinance 6-2015, supplemental appropriations to the 2015 Annual Appropriations; Ordinance 7-2015, establishing the Law Enforcement Trust fund as required by Ohio Revised Code §2981.13; Resolution 2015-12, renewing the Village’s liability insurance; and Resolution 2015-13, paying for past legal services provided to the Village from the failed proposed Dominion Homes development. Fiscal Officer Jeff Wilcheck also did considerable research on employee benefits and submitted Ordinance 2-2015, a proposed revision to Chapter 250 of MP’S codified ordinances, which would update our employee benefits such as vacation and sick leave. The final piece of legislation was Ordinance 3-2015, an ordinance to set the policy for indigent burials as the Village is required by Ohio Revised Code §9.15 to pay for indigent burials. Ordinances 2-2015, 3-2015, and 5-2015 and Resolutions 2015-12 and 2015-13 all had a first reading, while Ordinances 15-2014, the Police Policy & Procedures Manual, 4-2015, 6-2015, and 7-2015 were passed.

As chair of the Legislative Committee, I again want to thank the residents of the Village for passing the income tax increase. The additional funds have allowed the Village to hire a full-time fiscal officer who is responsible for both fiscal and legislative procedures. Jeff has already made a positive impact in managing the Village fiscally and legislatively.

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.

Safety, Todd Walter. provided an update about the annual new police vehicle on order. It is to be delivered for outfitting, with the radio, video camera, computer, etc., transferred from the old vehicle to the new vehicle. The new vehicle should be ready to enter service sometime in mid-May. I added to John’s previous comments about the proposed new EMS vehicle. Council is exploring funding for this new vehicle because there is approximately $60,000 in the General Fund available, but approximately $125,000 will be needed.

Service, Jennifer Pauken. Nothing to report. As always, please feel free to contact me at jpauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880 with any questions or concerns. •
Coming Soon ...

The Westerville Public Library will be putting a "Little Free Library" by the community garden at Hawthorne Elementary. Little Free Library is a little wooden "house" that the library will stock with books that are free to borrow without a library card.

Each week the Library will restock the little free library. It operates on the honor system. If you want to read a book, you can take it for as long as you like and simply return it when you are finished.

Call Julie Kerns, the Outreach Manager, at 882-7277 x2144 for more information.

Storm Drains

Please be MP neighborly and keep the storm drains in front of your home cleared of debris. 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.

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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@mymcpa.org for information. Attend the next planning session on May 6, 7 p.m., at the Community Building.

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Underwritten by your $20 MPCA dues
Yes! Warmer temperatures are here, and things are starting to grow. That means grass, weeds, flowers, and trees. Village ordinances require grass to be maintained below 6” in height and that weeds and yard waste (weeds, tree limbs, and leaves) be disposed of properly. That means composting the materials on site in an attractive manner, hauling the materials off-site, or placing the materials at curb-side for Monday morning pick-up.

Curb-side pick-up by Local Waste is done under the following guidelines:
1. Brush must be tied in bundles at 4’ or less in length by 2’ or less in diameter and weighing less than 50 pounds.
2. Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or in containers that are clearly marked “Yard Waste Only.”

Stickers are available at the Community Building.
3. Please place yard waste a few feet away from trash to make identification easier.

Hauling Yard Waste out of the Village to a composting center such as Ohio Mulch, 4665 Westerville Road, 891-3242. Call them for hours.

Composting on-site in a purchased composting bin or in an attractive constructed bin is the most sustainable method to handle yard waste.
1. Earth east.com is a good website to start your research about compost bin construction management.
2. Most composting works well when the materials are turned every two weeks to promote aeration, so plan a way to easily turn your compost.

3. Please manage your composter so odors, insects, and wild animals are not issues that make urban composting unacceptable.

Trees are the responsibility of the property owner or renter, based upon the rental agreement. Standing dead trees are beneficial to bird populations, especially woodpeckers, but dead trees become unstable and present a significant danger to property and people when they fall. I encourage people to remain aware of dead trees and monitor their stability. Dead trees have less wind-load because leaves are not present, but tree roots start to decay when the tree dies. A dead tree shedding small branches or losing bark is an indication of significant weakening of the stability of the tree, and removal should be undertaken.
History of Hawthorne Elementary – At the last MPCA meeting, attendees were pleased to hear from Mrs. Mantenieks’ 3rd-grade class concerning the History of Hawthorne Elementary.

They have written a book, available for purchase.

Order by May 10 for $5. You can send or deliver cash or check to Jenny Lin at 2821 Lakewood Drive and pick up at the same address after the shipment has arrived.

Orders after May 10 ... $7.99 plus shipping. Order online at createspace.com/5353938. Jenny would be happy to place the order for anyone who doesn’t have Amazon Prime, thereby avoiding the shipping cost.

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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Jeff Howard

March - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.
4. 1:50p, Northland Plaza Dr east of Ponderosa Dr, traffic accident
5. 8:30a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd, missing juvenile
9. 10:30a, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd, aggravated menacing
9. 2:21p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, forgery
17. 8:50p, 5200 blk Westbridge Rd, domestic dispute
21. 4:00p, Minerva Lake Rd at StRt 3, OVI
26. noon, 5000 blk Farview Dr, drug possession

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TWO Village Garage Sales This Year

Because some residents continue to express interest in having a spring garage sale and some residents continue to express interest in having an autumn garage sale, your MP Community Association is hearing you. We’ll give it a try ... at least for one year to see how it goes.

This year, two MPCA-sponsored neighborhood garage sales have been scheduled:
• May 30 (deadline May 23)
• September 19

Participate in one or both – it’s up to you. In both cases, the same parameters apply ... $5 registration to participate in group advertising and supplies ($10 late registration) AND 10% of your proceeds, collected the afternoon of the garage sale.

This is one of your Community Association’s larger fundraisers, so we appreciate your participation and your stepping up to the plate to make this extra effort successful.

We need volunteers to help assemble and distribute packets to the sellers, so contact Bonnie Townsend, 890-2427, with your commitment to give back to your community. Fill out the registration below.

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2 MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISERS
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $5 plus 10% of your proceeds
$10 Late Registration Fee (you will not be on the map)

2 garage sales this year.
May 30 (deadline May 23)
Sep 19 (deadline Sep 12)

This is one of your Community Association’s biggest fundraisers. The Community Association funds several projects to enhance the Village, and your registration fee plus 10% of your proceeds are vital to that effort.

As in the past, the $5 registration fee (or a $10 late fee) covers the cost of group advertising in local newspapers, balloons for your mailbox, and maps of participating homes for your distribution. Please register promptly ... you will miss the opportunity to have your sale put on the map if you register late.

To register, please drop off or send the attached form and a check for $5 payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” to the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Registration packets will be delivered to sellers before the event. Volunteers (with an official MPCA badge) will collect your 10% proceeds at 4:00p that afternoon, so please have your envelope ready.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this event a big success. Please contact Bonnie Townsend, 890-2427, if you would like to help with packet creation and distribution, or advertising.

Because this is a major fundraiser for the Community Association, it is important that residents do not hold any unregistered sales on the same day.

Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2015 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. I will submit 10% of my proceeds that afternoon.

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NO unauthorized sales
This event is a fundraiser for your Community Association.

NO food or drink sales
This is also a fundraiser for our own Emergency Squad. Please direct people to the Community Building throughout the day to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked goods. No food or drink sales at residences, please.

□ May 30
□ Sep 19

Registration
MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER

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

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Next deadline: Wednesday, May 13, 5p