We’re getting so close! Make sure you join us for the fun. Past and present residents and families are welcome to attend MP’s 75th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for September 12.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. We will have our float that appeared in the NCC July 4th parade ... and residents’ cars, youngsters with decorated bikes, and pets (bring a pooper-scooper) ... and we invite additional floats from residents. There will be prizes for each category. Please contact Dani Wolf at president@mympca.org to get your parade participation registered.

Other events and activities include a photobooth, the Turtle Lady, the EMS-built obstacle course, and more. Food trucks and a beer tent should keep the tummies happy throughout.

The musical group, “The Ride,” will announce activities from noon to 4 p.m. and will play live music from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Kids activities will include lots of crafts and games.

Historical materials will be on display at Hawthorne Elementary.

We are looking for “old-timers” to help provide materials and share their stories.

Detailed times and additional information will be provided via a flyer and on mympca.org and on facebook.com/groups/26403899150/.

Volunteer needs:
• Kids activities
• Beer tent
• Historical materials for display at Hawthorne
• Silent auction donaters
• Parade coordinators and helping kids decorate their bikes and join the parade

Thanks to everyone who has helped so far. We are very excited about this event and look forward to celebrating with our friends and neighbors.

Contact Dani Wolf, 937-1994, president@mympca.org, to get involved. •
MP Community Association News

Wine & Cheese
August 8 • 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. Drinks by moonlight, and maybe a swim. Sounds like a great evening!

AUCTION - A silent auction will be held to help underwrite the 75th Anniversary events.

Community Assn. Officer Elections
The MP Community Association (MPCA) Annual Meeting and officer elections will take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., at the Community Building. Your Community Association oversees the many social events throughout the year … children's parties, wine & cheese evenings and family fun night at the pool, the community garage sale, meet the candidates, garden awards & garden tour, Christmas carriage rides, the annual Resident Directory & the monthly Villager newsletter, and more.

Residents interested in running for an officer position may submit their name, contact information, and reasons why they want to participate. Submissions to the Nominating Committee can be made via email to president@mympca.org or in writing by dropping off the information in the MCPA mailbox inside the Community Building door.

Also, there are several committee positions to be filled, so please reach out if you are interested or have any questions.

Deadline to step forward for one of the officer positions - September 9. Deadline to volunteer for your Community Association - none … your Community Association needs help ALL the time!

Opportunities to "give back":
 President, Treasurer, Membership Committee Chair, Volunteer Coordinator.

MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER
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)

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.

The $5 registration fee (or a $10 late fee) covers the cost of local group advertising, balloons for your mailbox, and maps of participating homes for your distribution. Please register promptly.

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.

Registration deadline - September 12. 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.

Registration
MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER

Name
Phone
Address

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 or give-aways at residences, please.
MAYOR’S REPORT
Lynn Eisentrout

Well, there’s not too much new to report this month.

Managing the water level and the flow of water over the earthen dam/spillway during this very rainy season has been a daily challenge. Many thanks to Jim Nuesse and the police officers for their help monitoring the South Lake and removing and replacing the boards as needed. This is definitely not a one-person job.

Filing Deadline
Three Minerva Park positions will be on the November 3 ballot: mayor and two council seats. To get on the ballot for one of these positions, the filing deadline is August 5, 4 p.m. Learn more at vote.franklincountyohio.gov.

Pool: As you may have guessed, we haven’t had the greatest pool season this summer. But when the weather has been nice, people still seem to flock to the pool. This is an indication that we have a good membership base. The weather is simply not cooperating. Family Fun Night was very successful. The turnout was great, and the volunteers were both plentiful and enthusiastic. So many children – it was great!

Golf Course: This was one of the main topics at the Coffee with Council on July 20. There is no new information to share with you. MI Homes has contracted with EMH&T to conduct a survey of the property. Some of the stakes that you are seeing are markers, not necessarily indicators of the property lines. I have had reports of surveyors walking on private property and have scheduled a meeting with the EMH&T representative to set some guidelines and expectations when communicating with residents and accessing Village property.

Playground: The large climbing toy with the slide has reached the end of its life expectancy. The boards are rotted, and the slide is unstable. We will dismantle it and establish a plan for a replacement. The Police have wrapped warning tape around the structure, and boards and signs have been placed at the different entrances to discourage climbing on it. I was told by a resident living close to the playground that the tape was removed once. We have replaced it. I intend to take care of this as quickly as possible.

Sanitary Sewer Back-ups: With all of the rain we have had these past weeks, surprisingly I have received only a couple of calls from residents about back-ups in their basements. The storm sewers are at times overwhelmed with the water flow. Tree roots have sometimes grown into the lines and compromised them. What should you do if this happens to you? I have been asking residents when they contact me to first call a reputable company (we can provide some suggestions but no recommendations) to televise their line(s) to the street at the time they have their lines “snaked or jetted clear” and provide me with a DVD of the line, if possible. Most companies are willing to do this. This provides both the Village and the homeowner with valuable information, namely both the cause and location of the problem and the overall condition of that line. We will then know if the problem lies within the Village’s responsibility and can repair the line. I appreciate that our residents have been very accommodating with this request from my office.

As I sit here writing my report to you on a sunny Saturday, I just want to say that let’s all keep our fingers crossed that the weather remains pleasant and somewhat rain-free at least for a few days in a row every week.
Ordinance 10-2015 - Providing for the Pickup of Required Pre-Tax Contributions (vs. Post-Tax) to the Police & Fire Pension Fund and declaring an emergency - 3rd reading, passage

If you have any questions, please contact ppark-curry@minervapark.org or 890-5809.

Safety, Todd Walter. This year’s “new” police vehicle is on order, and committee meetings addressed the purchasing and financing of a new EMS squad, along with future EMS staffing and improvements of the EMS quarters and garage. A committee meeting in late July (after this Villager issue went to press) began to address strategic planning for the safety interests of the Village.

Service, Jennifer Pauken. Proposal packets for curbside leaf pick-up went out to seven potential vendors. We are responding to questions and awaiting submissions, and I hope to recommend a vendor at the August 10 Council meeting. There have been some concerns regarding trash pick-up, and Mayor Eisentrout has been in contact with our representative from Local Waste. As always, please feel free to contact me at jpauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880 with any questions or concerns.

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

Community, Dave Way. No report submitted.

Finance, John Michels. In July, the Finance Committee discussed the bond transaction paperwork necessary to purchase the new EMS squad. While the Village issued bonds for the new EMS vehicle of $110,000, $74,000 was already set aside to put toward this purchase. The Mayor is looking into the availability of grants to help with the cost of new and necessary medical equipment for the vehicle. Also, as part of a long-term planning goal, the Village will discuss setting aside resources over a 10-year period to save for the next EMS vehicle purchase.

Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck provided the Committee with a revised five-year forecast and discussed upcoming capital projects that will need Council’s review, including pool updates/repairs (e.g., pump replacement),

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June 2015

Beg balance general fund......$403,675
Receipts..................................$121,614
Disbursements.......................($139,678)
Ending balance.....................$385,611

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Village Financials

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

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Gone and Best Forgotten
By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

When everything works as intended, the stormwater system is a thing of beauty. No, really.

Rain flowing off the streets goes into storm drains ... then into underground pipes ... then into Minerva Park lakes ... then into Kilbourn Run ... then into Alum Creek ... then further downstream ... as intended.

But just like plaque build-up in your arteries, when that flow is restricted, there’s back-up. In a stormwater system, we call it flooding. Offenders are leaves, grass clippings, branches, or any other obstruction that keeps rainwater from moving quickly through the system.

Village Ordinance 660.05 requires the occupants of a lot abutting a street to keep the sidewalk, curb, and gutter free of snow, ice, or “any other nuisance.” This includes keeping leaves, grass clippings, and other debris out of the stormwater system to avoid flooding.

It’s just as important to keep organic material from running into the lakes, thereby reducing sediment that requires dredging, costing thousands of dollars. And toxic materials such as motor oil, fertilizer run-off, and fluids from automobiles will do serious harm to the lake ecosystems.

So keep the roadway and gutter free of debris and keep the fish happier and Minerva Park’s lakes healthy and clean. And help prevent flooding that can strike unannounced at you and/or your neighbor(s) ... a worthy goal in and of itself.

sdoellinger@minervapark.org
614-882-5743

Community Association Membership Drive

MPCA representatives will be visiting soon, asking that your household become an MPCA member.

Dues are only $20/year and underwrite the many events that help make Minerva Park a special place to live. This is your opportunity to update your contact information in the Resident Directory. Please contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 to volunteer some of your time to help with this effort.

By Resident Jenny Lin

School starts on August 13 for 1-12 graders. Kindergartners will have a gentle start on August 13 and 14, with the regular schedule beginning on August 17. Keep an eye on your mailbox for more details about the Back to School days where you can find out your children’s teachers, pay school fees, and join the PTO. School supply lists are available on the district web site.

Keep up-to-date by signing up at hawthorneschool.org. We’re going to have a great year and hope to see a lot of Minerva Park families get involved! •
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