Your New Council

Following the Nov. 2015 election, on Jan. 4, the Village welcomed Ohio State Senator and Minerva Park resident Kevin Bacon to swear in your newly elected or appointed Village officials for the coming term. Pictured are Councilman Michael Braun, incumbent Mayor Lynn Eisentrout, Senator Kevin Bacon, and Councilmen Russell Dobbins and Brian Wolf. These new Council members join returning Council members John Michels, Pam Park-Curry, and Jennifer Pauken. Read more about your Council members at minervapark.org/council.

Accordingly, there has been a realignment in Committee assignments. Each Council person chairs one committee and serves on two others. The Committee assignments going into 2016 are listed below. A printer-friendly version is available for download at minervapark.org/council, and Committee duties are itemized at minervapark.org/duties.

- Community Committee - Chair Russell Dobbins, members Braun & Pauken.
- Finance Committee - Chair John Michels, members Park-Curry & Wolf.
- Legislation Committee - Chair Jennifer Pauken, members Park-Curry & Wolf.
- Safety Committee - Chair Pam Park-Curry, members Braun & Michels.
- Service Committee - Chair Brian Wolf, members Dobbins & Pauken.
- Streets Committee - Chair Michael Braun, members Dobbins & Michels.

We thank John Michels (Council President) and Pam Park-Curry (Planning & Zoning Liaison) for serving in these additional capacities.

Your Council members dedicate many hours monthly to represent the best long-term interests of the Village. That includes work sessions, two Council meetings monthly, numerous Committee meetings, Coffee with Council, and more. Residents are encouraged to get involved ... attend these public events and download Council work packets in advance of Council meetings from the home page, minervapark.org, and approved Council minutes posted at minervapark.org/minutes.

Please ...

NO PARKING on MP Streets

... before, during, and after snowfalls. Snowplows do a cleaner, better job clearing our roads when vehicles are pulled into driveways. This is especially critical on the courts and cul-de-sacs where maneuvering space is limited.

Snow, ice, and cold have arrived. Now comes the time when we ask you to please not park on the streets so the snowplow crews can do their jobs. We understand that, with multiple drivers in your household, sometimes parking in your driveway a challenge, but please do the best you can. As you know, our streets are narrow and the crews’ trucks need to move at about 20 to 25 miles per hour to gain momentum to effectively plow our streets. Let’s not make their jobs any more difficult for them.

FEBRUARY DATES

3 (8a) ....................... Mayor’s Court
3 (7p) ....................... Planning & Zoning
6 (8a) ....................... Council Work Session
8 (7p) ....................... Council Meeting
10 (7p) ....................... MPCA Meeting
13 (7p) ....................... Valentine’s Dance
15 (7p) ....................... Coffee with Council
17 (8a) ....................... Mayor’s Court
17 (6p) ....................... Villager Deadline
22 (7p) ....................... Council Meeting
MP Community Association News

2016 Community Garden Kick-Off

Sunday, March 20, 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 2016 Minerva Park Community Garden Guidelines and Rules to reserve a plot. Sign-up deadline is May 1.

For more information, contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff, 614-891-2166. •

Valentine’s Day Dance

Saturday, Feb. 13, 7p
Community Building

Grab your dance partner and join the fun! On Saturday, February 13, at 7 p.m., your Community Association is hosting a dance at the Community Building to celebrate Valentine’s Day. We will have dancing, karaoke, and light appetizers. Only $20 per couple. Watch mmympca.org for updates. Contact Dani Wolf, MPCA president, at president@mmympca.org if you can help. •

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 11a
Hawthorne School

Join us for one of the more popular children’s events of the year. Please bring your own camera to capture pictures with the Easter Bunny! For ages 1 year and older ... bring a basket. Come early - this event goes fast.

As always, we need volunteers to help with the set-up and running the event. Call BettyAnn Zimmerman at 614-815-2257 if you can help in any way, including stuffing eggs! •

Cops for Kids

Your MP Police Dept would like to thank you for your generous donations of gifts to benefit area children at Christmas. They identified several families in need, one with 7 children! Your generosity cannot be overstated. Our appreciation goes also to the many good folks who volunteered their time to wrap the presents. Your selflessness is a hallmark of this Village.

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Although we have not seen a lot of snow, I appreciate everyone who has moved your vehicles off the street, parking them in your driveways or elsewhere. It allows the Blendon Township snow crews to do a much better job if they don’t have to dodge parked vehicles.

**Town Meeting/Open House:**
A combined town meeting/open house was held on January 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to address the possible purchase, annexation, and development of what is now known as the golf course property. Approximately 120 people attended the gathering and asked some very good questions. The documents distributed at that meeting are available at minervapark.org/golfcourse. By far, the most frequently asked questions were about traffic, sewer service, and any connection between the south side of the Village (Maplewood, Alder Vista, Lakewood Drive, Briar Rose, and Lakeland Court). M/I Homes did a very nice job answering questions, and our Law Director, Gene Hollins, did very well as our moderator. I have had several meetings with some residents who either couldn’t attend the meeting or had additional concerns, ideas, or suggestions. Overall, it seems like most of our residents have a pretty good idea about the project, where we may be heading, and of the development process in general.

Where are we now? If you read the Legislative Committee reports, you will note a first reading of Ordinances 1-2016 and 2-2016 at the January 11 Council meeting, accepting the annexation of the ±99.2 acres and accepting the Final Development Plan/Rezoning of the same acreage, respectively. A second reading of these ordinances took place at the Jan. 25 Council meeting. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Community Building (2829 Minerva Lake Road) before the final reading and possible passage of these 2 ordinances. The Public Hearing is another opportunity for residents and non-residents whose properties abut the golf course (letters were mailed to these homeowners) and other residents, to comment on this project.

**Swearing In:**
On January 4, Village officials and residents met at the Community Building to swear in your newly elected or appointed Village officials for the coming term. Read that story on page 1. All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting on January 11.

The first regular Council meeting of the new year is designated as the organizational meeting where Council members elect their President of Council and the liaison from the Council to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). John Michels was unanimously elected Council President, and Pam Park-Curry was reappointed as the P&Z liaison. Delegated Committee assignments are posted on the website at minervapark.org/council.

**Code Enforcement:**
Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger has identified some sign violations at local businesses that he is working to bring the vendors in to compliance.

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that 2 medics have been recruited, and he hopes that 7 more will be recruited during the next 7 months. He mentioned that the EMH&T surveyors had used one of the hydrants as a station marker. M/I Homes and EMH&T assured the Village it would be removed immediately and would not happen again. Chief Hoechstetter also asked M/I Homes about the absence of water lines and hydrants on the M/I Homes’ utility development map. He will continue discussions with M/I Homes about this matter. Chief Hoechstetter added that the hydrant at Woodley and Cleveland Avenue is still missing (stolen) but will be replaced after the underground Opinion.

**Variance Requests**

- **Feb. 8 - Alex Stricker, 2749 Minerva Lake Rd.** - to place a fence forward of the rear building line, to align with the neighbor’s rear building line.
- **Apr. 6 - Great Value Storage, 5199 Westerville Rd.** - to place a wall-mounted sign on the office building in addition to a freestanding monument sign.
repairs are completed.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse has posted a reminder on the MP Police Department’s Facebook page (facebook.com/minervapark) for residents to refrain from parking on the streets to allow for snow removal. She is working with our Code Enforcement Officer to have address numbers placed on the businesses so they are more visible both from the front and rear doors, to facilitate identification in the event the Police must respond to an alarm.

Chief Nuesse reported that Officer Jeremy Pacha apprehended 3 car thieves in the act one night about 1 a.m. The arrests were made with the assistance of the Blendon Township Police Department.

She is training 1 part-time officer, and another candidate passed his polygraph, medical, and psychological testing. He will begin his field training with Lt. Delp. There are 2 more excellent candidates being considered for part-time positions. Their background checks have been completed, and they are ready for their oral board interviews. With the hiring of 2 more part-time officers, the Department will be fully staffed. The length of time for field training, however, will vary with the amount of experience each candidate brings to the table.

**Planning & Zoning:** Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry reported that at the January 6 meeting 3 cases were heard: (1) a sign variance for Great Value Storage was being sent to the Council with a favorable recommendation, (2) a fence permit for 2505 Maplewood Drive was approved, and (3) a sign permit application for Wendy’s Wellness Center was tabled because additional information was needed. Part of the Old Business portion of the meeting was devoted to discussing the development text of the preliminary and final development plans submitted by M/I Homes. The P&Z Commission members suggested some changes and recommendations to the Planned Residential District text. These edits were further discussed at the Council work session held on January 17.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Councilman Russell Dobbins reported that some MPCA Board members met to discuss fundraising ideas for 2016. More later.

As I have said before, if you have any concerns or questions as we move through the golf course project, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of your Council members. Stay warm. •

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

**Safety,** Pam Park-Curry. The Safety Committee will continue the work started under former Council member Todd Walter in developing a long-range plan for our EMS. The Committee will be supporting Chief Nuesse to ensure that our Police Dept is well staffed, well trained, and well equipped. A third area will be to bring awareness to our residents of the information and resources available through the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security agency as they strive “to enhance the capacity of local jurisdictions to prevent, protect from, mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergencies.” More on pg 5. You may contact me at ppark-curry@minervapark.org.

**Service,** Jennifer Pauken. For 2016, the Service Committee will be chaired by Brian Wolf, and I will be chairing Legislation. A meeting to discuss issues and projects under the Service umbrella was scheduled for January 26. It has been interesting to work on this committee, and I want to extend my thanks to residents and fellow Council members for their input, suggestions, and questions during the last several years. As always, please contact me at jpauken@minervapark.org or 614-891-5880 with any questions or concerns.

**Finance,** JohnMichels. The Finance Committee met on January 13 to welcome new member, Councilman Brian Wolf, and to receive a year-end summary from Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck. The Village General Fund ended 2015 with revenues totaling $1,461,595 and expenditures (including encumbrances) totaling $1,292,136. Notably, spending within the General Fund fell well under Council’s final appropriation of $1,527,400, which helped to stabilize our year-end unencumbered balance. The Mayor and her staff are to be commended for their continued efforts to maintain fiscal discipline while at the same time improving access to resident services, such as public safety, code enforcement, and leaf pickup. Residents are encouraged to submit any finance-related questions or comments to me at jmichels@minervapark.org or 273-9026.

**Streets,** Michael Braun. As a newly elected Council person and newly appointed Chair, I’ve scheduled the first regular meeting of the Streets Committee for Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7p. Topics will include the intention to conduct a street assessment (including core sampling) to facilitate project planning for 2016 and beyond. You may contact me at mbraun@minervapark.org.

**Community,** Russell Dobbins. I have been given the honor to chair the Community Committee for the coming year and am looking
Congratulations to the following winners of the annual Festival of Lights contest. Warm weather presented a challenge, resulting in more homes decorated and thus more homes to judge. So this year, we are recognizing the winners in each category and introducing two new categories based on the recommendation of the judges.

Winners who are MPCA members will receive gift certificates from a local hardware store or nursery. Non-MPCA winners will be offered a free membership to the MP Community Association for the 2015-2016 membership year.

Thanks to the judges for their help!

**Best Outdoor Tree**

3181 Minerva Lake Rd.
Roxi Larson

A tree near the entrance of the residence decked out in all white lights.

**Honorable Mention - 2829 Lakewood, Ron & Sandra Williams.**

A tree decorated in vivid purple/blue lights.

**Best Entrance Way**

5073 Maplewood
Jeremiah & Maria Arn

A lighted garland framing a red door and brick trim.

**Honorable Mention - 5321 East Shore Dr., Andy & Glenda Morris.**

Double doors with festive lights and red ribbons.

**Best Religious Theme**

2710 Lakewood
John Best

A standalone nativity scene flood lit with a white star about the manger.

**Honorable Mention - 2799 Alder Vista, Rob and Arlene Stuart.**

White light framed figures.

**Best Whimsical Display**

3210 Minerva Lake Rd.
Tom & Gretchen Sasy

Lighted tulips and a colorful mailbox, multi-colored lights on the front of the house with star figures on the eaves.

**Honorable Mention - 2829 Lakewood, Ron and Sandra Williams.**

The yard had a blue/purple tree in the middle with outlines of lights on the roof and along the driveway and a Santa sitting on the mailbox.

**Best Outline Effect**

2929 Berry Lake Ct.
Dan & Kristen Johnson

Uniformed colored strings on the house and yard.

**Honorable Mention - 2679 Woodley, James Carpenter & Karen Reynolds.**

Multicolored LED lights framing house and windows.

**Star Shower Reflections**

2621 Maplewood
Arnetta Wilson

Projectors covered the entire house.

**Honorable Mention - 2769 Minerva Lake Rd., Deanna Scott.**

The Star Showers covered the front of the house and even the dormers.

**Classic Lights**

5375 Park Lane Dr.
Gabriel & Odette White

Lights in front and back of the house uniform in arrangement.

**Honorable Mention - 2799 Alder Vista, Rob and Arlene Stuart.**

White lights, trees, yard, house.

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Minerva Park Festival of Lights 2015

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Your MP Community Association needs help ... someone to chair the Halloween Party and someone to serve as Treasurer. Please email president@mympca.org with your interest and to learn more about these positions. •

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We are fortunate to live in an environment where many types of plants thrive. Well, maybe not right now, but spring is rumored to come again. The several types of plants that cause adverse effects to humans are referred to as “noxious.” They should be removed, highly contained, or modified to prevent them from injuring humans or pets.

Poison ivy, poke weed, and castor bean are potentially life threatening and, by Village ordinance, must be eradicated. Your Code Enforcement Officer will be enforcing the noxious plant ordinance #660.14(c) during the 2016 growing season.

Poison Ivy causes severe blistering and debilitating itching for many. This is the most prevalent noxious plant in the Village. It can look like a young maple tree to a hairy vine. By code, this plant must be eradicated. Kill by several applications of a Round-Up type herbicide applied to the leaves.

Poke Weed - All parts of this weed are poisonous, including the very attractive dark purple berries. By code, this plant must be eradicated. It is best to avoid this noxious weed altogether by mechanically removing it.

Castor Beans have dramatic tropical-like leaves and very deadly seeds full of the poison resin. Cut off the seed pods when they first occur and place them a plastic bag in the trash.

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The Multi-flower Rose Bush is an invasive plant originally introduced as a substitute for barbed wire. Eliminate it by mechanically removing it or treating with a Roundup-type herbicide.

Honeysuckle is another very common invasive plant that should be removed whenever possible. Eliminate by mechanically removing it or treating with a Roundup-type herbicide.
**Police Report**

December - MP Police made no arrests.
9.... 1:14a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd, domestic dispute
10.. 3p, 2700 blk Lakewood Dr, animal complaint
15.. 10:36p, 2800 Lakewood Dr, missing person reported
22.. 12:25p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, traffic crash, no injuries
28.. 2a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd, criminal damaging reported •

**Medic Report**

December 2015
Medic 119 made 8 runs - 1 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park, with 7 patients transported to local hospitals.
9 members served a total of 86 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,334.6 hours. Leading staff for the month were Tom Baillett (19 hours), Tim Lockard (19 hours), and Jonathan Marsh (12 hours).

**MP Runs**
12-23 .. Ill Person

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**Village Financials**

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

December 2015
Beg balance General Fund....$559,420
Receipts..............................................$90,798
Disbursements............................($121,782)
Ending balance..............................$528,436

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In a small house on Minerva Lake Road there is a lot of love and care between David Way, son Max, and a little dog named Peanut. The father and son challenge each other at chess, with the son often the victor. They both love living in Minerva Park. They feel safe. Dave likes that there are many ways to be involved with the Village life. Max likes it that “it’s pretty quiet most of the time.” He has friends on the street and especially next door. “There are lots of things to do in Minerva Park,” Max says. In the summer he can swim at the MP pool, and in the winter he goes sledding on the golf course. He also looks forward to making money by shoveling snow and likes walking to school (behind his house) every morning with his next-door friend Jack. Max is an 11-year-old 5th-grader at Hawthorne Elementary.

Dave grew up in the Northland area and went to the former Brookhaven High School, where he played the trumpet. Dave’s father had a massive stroke at 55 and moved to the Minerva Park Nursing Home, bringing Dave to MP in 1992 to be closer to his father. His mother stayed in the family home near Minerva Park, where his sister Amy now lives. It was from the window well of Amy’s house that Peanut was rescued. She is 10 years old, nearly like Max. Dave’s father died at 72, and his mother died 5 years ago at the age of 86.

Dave worked as a bartender at Chili’s restaurant on the north side of MP where he met a businessman who changed his career. Dave says, “It’s not what you know but who you know.” With that contact, Dave bought and operated a business located next to the Timken Factory on 5th Avenue in Columbus. Corporate Cutting Dies employed 8-9 workers, making dies for corrugated boxes. Dave ran the successful business for 8.5 years.

But then everything changed on March 8, 2008, when Dave suffered a stroke. He had just come home from visiting his mother and was feeling a little unusual. His left leg kept falling asleep, and he was losing his balance. He had a difficult night sleeping, waking up every hour. The next morning, he fell and could not get up. Four-year-old son Max was able to call his Aunt Amy to tell her something happened to his father. Then the ambulance sirens pierced Minerva Park’s peaceful morning.

One thing about his life, Dave says, is that “it’s constantly changing!” He also says that the stroke is the best thing that could have happened to him, causing him to slow him down and giving him time with Max. Before the stroke, Dave was always on the run and very busy. Even so, he would not wish a stroke on anyone.

His wish is to take Max travelling because he used to travel often. Now they dream of going to Europe, especially Ireland, and to the Caribbean, tracing one of Dave’s earlier travels.

Max was a Safety Patrol member last year, but this year decided to dedicate himself to the cello after attending a strings class. With lessons before school each morning, he has to get up earlier than his peers. After school, he plays hockey at Easton and elsewhere. Last year, his hockey team won the championship.

David used to be a Council member and involved in the doings of MP but says that he is “done with Council.” He, Max, and Peanut have a new focus together.

**Editor’s Note** … Each year, nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. experience a stroke. That’s one every 40 seconds. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, so it and brain cells die. Strokes are the #5 cause of death and the leading cause of adult disability in the U.S.

Visit strokeassociation.org or a variety of online resources to learn the warning signs. You must act quickly to get medical help - it could help minimize the effects or save a life. Sudden …
• numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
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