The Great Outdoors - Your Yard
With spring around the corner, it seems a good time to review some reminders about MP tidiness and pride of ownership (or rental).

Grass Cutting - A necessary chore, but one that some yards have a difficult time getting their owners to do in the early spring. The maximum height of grass is 6”. Please blow any grass clippings back into the yard so they will not end up in the stormwater drainage system, costing the Village money to remediate.

Lawn Fertilizing - Many people apply chemicals to their lawns to kill weeds, in turn creating a more mono-cultural and uniform-appearing lawn. Applying fertilizers to stimulate grass growth and create desired darker green colored lawns are commonly done. But great care should be exercised when applying fertilizers because any fertilizer that runs off the lawn causes heavier-than-normal algae growth in MP’s lakes. Even if you live further away from the MP lakes, any fertilizer that is scattered on paving, such as a driveway, is directly carried by rain water to the lakes through the stormwater drainage system.

Yard Clean-up - As Minerva Park strives to become a more pristine residential bedroom community, spring clean-up is a required chore to get done early.

Yard Waste - MP’s trash service, Local Waste, will pick up any and all yard waste if properly arranged for Monday morning pick-up. Yard waste should be placed in containers weighing less than 50 pounds marked “Yard Waste Only” (stickers to place on the containers are available at the Community Building). Branches must be in bundles no longer than 4’ long and 2’ in diameter, weighing less than 50 pounds. Paper yard waste bags are acceptable for yard waste pick-up.

Trees, Bushes, Branches - All trees on your property and adjacent rights-of-way are the responsibility of the land owner. Dead trees should be removed before they fall to avoid injury and damage. Dead limbs over streets must be removed. No vegetation should encroach on the pavement of streets. All branches should be 7’ above sidewalks, and tree branches must be no lower than 15’ above streets to allow trucks to pass safely.

Sight Triangles - Ordinances require the maintenance of clear vision at the intersection of streets and driveways to streets. Plantings shorter than 30” above the crown of a street are the only plants allowed in a triangular area measuring 35’ back from the street intersection. The sight triangle for driveways is 20’ along the street and 10’ down the driveway. Again, plants must be lower than 30” or be only the trunks of trees.

Weeds and Noxious Plants - Plants that cause harm to humans or damage to desirable plants are grouped together and called noxious plants. The most egregious, poison ivy, and all other noxious plants must be eradicated or modified to be safe by Village ordinance.

Questions? Contact me at 614-882-5743.
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.

“Duck Award”

Your Community Association is accepting nominations for the Duck Award, given to the Minerva Park resident or group of residents who have “made the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life in Minerva Park” in 2015. Volunteers, elected officials, and paid employees are eligible. If there is someone you’d like to nominate, please email Dani Wolf (president@mympca.org) with a name(s) and a brief statement of their contributions. Deadline for nominations - April 30.

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.

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/mpca. The application deadline is April 30.

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This winter has continued to be warmer than usual and with less snow than last year. We still have had one or two snowfalls that have required plowing crews to come through our Village. Unfortunately, some residents are still not moving their vehicles off the street. I understand that some residents have too many vehicles to park on driveways that were built years ago to accommodate only one or two cars. Please make every effort to move cars off the street in the event of a snowfall that is deep enough to require plowing.

Dogs: Barking dogs and those that are not properly restrained continue to be a problem. Residents who have contacted either the Police Department or me have been asked to report the offense at the time it happens. Please do not wait until you become so frustrated with your neighbor that you then expect an immediate resolution to the problem. The police must observe the situation to make a report, but it is helpful to call even in the aftermath, because it provides the Police Department with the opportunity to speak to the dog owner to and educate him/her as to the rules and regulations. Village ordinances prohibit excessive barking and unrestrained and uncontrolled animals. We need your help now to avoid this problem from becoming worse as the warmer weather approaches. Remember, you are never bothering anyone when you call with a concern. That’s why we are here.

Pool: We are gearing up for the discount pool membership sale to be held on Sunday, April 17, at the Community Building from noon to 3 p.m. This year we are doing something different. We will be offering both resident and non-resident rates. This means that Minerva Park residents (taxes support the pool, after all) will receive a discount, i.e., single resident memberships will cost $150; non-resident single memberships will cost $175 ... and so on. Our goal is to attract as many of the new, young families who have moved to our lovely Village as possible. Curious about the pool? Learn more and download the membership application at minervapark.org/Pool.

Veterans Memorial: Well, we’re almost there. I have spoken to the Columbus Art Memorial owner (who has the stone) and have received final numbers for the engraving ($5,040 with medallions) and the foundation work ($585), totaling $5,625. We will request a proposal for the electrical work from another vendor to illuminate the memorial. We have $4,820 in the Memorial Fund. We thank your Minerva Park Community Association (MPCA) for contributing $300 toward the project. We stand at a total of $5,120. Our Fiscal Officer pointed out that there are existing appropriations available in the General Fund under Lands and Buildings that may be utilized to cover any shortfall that could delay the completion of the project. The total cost projection is $6,600, including an estimate of $1,000 for the electrical work previously mentioned. A motion was approved by the Council at its February 22 meeting to authorize the expenditure of up to $1,500 for the Veterans Memorial. Fiscal Officer Jeffery Wilcheck and I are waiting for two documents from Columbus Art Memorial to process a PO to begin the engraving. Harry Toy is still selling pavers as a fundraiser, and any funds collected will be deposited in the Veterans Memorial Fund to replenish the Land and Buildings fund. He is listed in your Village Directory and would welcome your inquiries.

Golf Course: Council continues to work on this project. It has passed the necessary legislation to accept the annexation of the golf course property (Ordinance 1-2016) and the final development plan for the property (Ordinance 2-2016). The final piece of legislation is to establish the TIF District. For more information, please see Councilwoman Pauken’s Legislative Committee report on page 4.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting on Feb 8.

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter was excused but had distributed his monthly reports.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse reported that the monkey was still an issue and had not been captured. Residents have been asked to not approach if they see it and certainly not to feed it. The Chief is still working with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to try to narrow down its location if it is nesting and plans have been developed for its safe capture if the opportunity presents itself.

Crimes - Geni’s Tax Service (a Cleveland Avenue business) was broken into during the weekend of 2/6-2/7. The Police Department has some good leads and is working to solve the case.

Staffing - Two new officers are now in field training. One officer is training with the Chief and should complete training in 6-8 weeks. The second officer is training with Lt. Delp and will be finished in about 3 weeks.

Planning & Zoning: Councilwoman Pam Park Curry reported that the P&Z Commission submitted Variance V-04-2015 (2749 Minerva Lake Road) to the Council with the recommendation to approve for a 6’ wood privacy fence placed farther forward from the back of the house than current Village ordinances allow. Neighbors on either side of the
applicant have submitted letters in support of the placement of this fence. Council unanimously approved the variance. She also reported that a fence permit for a 6’ wood privacy fence for the home at 2505 Maplewood Drive was approved at the February 3 Planning & Zoning meeting. The P&Z members continue to work on legislation that will be forwarded to the Council Legislative Committee for consideration.

Committee Reports: In addition to the Committee Reports below, legislation was considered at the February 22 Council meeting:

Resolution 2016-4 - Authorizing the sale of obsolete or unused property via Internet auction, pursuant to ORC §721.15(D). Second reading.

Resolution 2016-5 - Authorizing and approving the execution of a contract with Resources International for a pavement condition assessment of the Village streets. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 4-2016 - Creating a Residential Tax Increment Financing Incentive District encompassing certain parcels of real property; declaring improvements to the parcels within the Incentive District to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of those service payments; specifying the public infrastructure improvements to be made that directly benefit service parcels in the Incentive District; approving and authorizing the execution of a tax increment financing agreement, and declaring an emergency. First reading accepted.

What does all of this mean? Council is still deliberating this TIF Agreement and is in continuing discussions with M/I Homes, the Westerville School District, and respective legal teams. In all likelihood, this legislation will not be passed as an emergency but that remains to be seen and will be decided by the Council. It is important to all of us (your elected officials) that constituents understand the issues involved and have full access to this process. Questions? Just ask.

Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings …

Legislation. Jennifer Pauken. There are several ways to review the Village’s resolutions and ordinances. Enacted legislation is posted at minervapark.org/legislation/. Pending legislation is included in Council Meeting packets that are posted near the bottom of the home page, minervapark.org. Hard copies are always available at the Community Building.

The Legislation Committee met on January 25 to review pending and future legislation and other concerns. We also decided to establish a standing meeting. For the time being, the committee will meet at 6 p.m. before the second regular Council meeting of the month. Residents are welcome to attend. The following summarizes legislation passed and/or in process during January and February.

Resolution 2016-1 - Annual Contracts, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into recurring contracts necessary for the operation of the Village. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency because of the need to have in place approval for annual contracts at the beginning of the year.

Resolution 2016-2 - Confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Jeffrey Chavalia as a part-time police officer. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency because of the need to fill the position.

Resolution 2016-3 - Confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Sammy Torres as a part-time police officer. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency because of the need to fill the position.

Resolution 2016-4 - Authorizing the sale of obsolete or unused property via Internet auction. First Reading, Feb 8.

Ordinance 1-2016 - Accepting Annexation into the Village of the golf course property. Three readings conducted; passed on Feb 8.

Ordinance 2-2016 - Approving the Final Development Plan submitted by M/I Homes for the planned residential district (a/k/a the golf course property). Three readings conducted; passed on Feb 8.

Ordinance 3-2016 - Approving supplemental appropriations for waterline debt service and EMS vehicle bonds. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency because of the need to ensure funds are appropriated correctly.

Look for legislation that will address Tax Increment Financing (use and distribution of property taxes related to the golf course development), streets condition assessment, pool fees, and an upcoming renewal levy. Personnel and appropriations legislation will be included on an as-needed basis.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, jpauken@minervapark.org or 614-891-5880.

Finance. John Michels. The Village has moved from biennial to annual audits of the Village’s financial statements. The Auditor of State has appointed Julian and Grube, a Westerville-based independent public accounting firm to perform this work for this past year. Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck is working diligently to fulfill their information requests and Council looks forward to the results. Previous Village audit reports are online going back to 1996 at http://ohioauditor.gov/audits/search/results.aspx?queryString=minerva+park.

Residents are encouraged to submit any finance-related questions or comments to me at jmichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026.

Streets. Michael Braun. Nothing new to report. You may contact me at mbraun@minervapark.org or 614-406-3758.

Community. Russell Dobbins. The Committee met on February 7 and on February 17.

Minerva Park Pool - Regarding membership fees for the 2016 pool season, it will be the committee’s recommendation to Council that we keep the fees the same as they were last year but that we give Minerva Park residents a discount of 10% on the membership fee. Your taxes make up any shortfall, and for that Village residents should get a discount.

Playground - The Village has
budgeted $20,000 for the playground in 2016. Learn how you can donate on page 9. We are currently working with M/I Homes to define the land available for the playground. If more information is available before the next Villager newsletter, watch minervapark.org or the MP Community Association’s Facebook page for updates.

Veterans Memorial - I will do everything in my power to ensure this is installed and ready to be dedicated on Memorial Day 2016. I asked for and received enough money to get the stone work started, but there is still about $700 to raise to finish the project. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

April 23 tentatively has been scheduled as Lake Clean-up Day.

As always, I can be reached at rdobbins@minervapark.org or at 614-565-3965.

Safety, Pam Park-Curry. When the Safety Committee met on February 1, Chief Nuesse reported that two new part-time officers were starting their training and another is going through all the preliminary tests. Applications are being accepted for another part-time position. Chief Nuesse discussed anticipated and budgeted expenses for 2016, including new bulletproof vests, body video cameras, and a new cruiser. Chief Hoechstetter reported on plans to repair four fire hydrants, and Fiscal Officer Jeff Wilcheck confirmed there was money in the appropriations for those repairs. Jeff also reported that other budgeted expenses for the EMS included repairs to the garage door, improvements to the EMS common room, bulletproof vests, and a new laptop. Chief Hoechstetter presented a list of additional items and will work with the Fiscal Officer to see which items can still be part of the 2016 appropriations and which will be carried over for 2017. Both Chief Nuesse and Chief Hoechstetter discussed the pros and cons of having an emergency-only connector between the proposed development and the southwest part of the Village. The recommendation from a safety standpoint is that a regular road would provide better patrol access to both residential neighborhoods and better response times for both police and fire. The March Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 7 p.m. You may contact me at ppark-curry@minervapark.org.

Service, Brian Wolf. No report submitted. Contact Brian at bwolf@minervapark.org, 614-948-2372.

Minerva Park Festival of Lights 2015

Correction of Feb 2016 Villager ...

Classic Lights
5375 Park Lane Dr.
Gabriel & Odette Lopes
White lights in front and back of the house uniform in arrangement.

MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

May 14 - 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.

We need volunteers to help make this event a big success. Contact Dani Wolf (614-937-1994) or Jean McCall (614-327-5326), if you would like to help with packet creation and distribution, or advertising.

Registration deadline - May 7. Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2016 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. I will submit 10% of my proceeds that afternoon.

Registration
MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

Name
Address
Phone

I’m registering now for the May 14 garage sale.

☑ May 14
☒ Aug 20

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.
Minerva Park’s Ballot

Below is a representation of the ballot you’ll see at the polls this election. You may mark your selections on this sheet and take it with you to the polls.

### Republican Primary

**Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention**
- Jeb Bush
- Ben Carson
- Chris Christie
- Ted Cruz
- Carly Fiorina
- Mike Huckabee
- John R. Kasich
- Rand Paul
- Marco Rubio
- Rick Santorum
- Donald J. Trump

**District Delegates and District Alternates to the National Convention (3rd District)**
- Jeb Bush
- Ben Carson
- Chris Christie
- Ted Cruz
- Carly Fiorina
- Mike Huckabee
- John R. Kasich
- Rand Paul
- Marco Rubio
- Donald J. Trump

**U.S. Senator**
- Don Elijah Eckhart
- Rob Portman

**Representative to Congress (3rd District)**
- John Adams

**Chief Justice of OH Supreme Court**
- Maureen O'Connor

**Justice of OH Supreme Court**
- Pat Fischer
- Colleen Mary O'Toole

**Judge, Ct of Appeals (10th District)**
- No valid petition filed.

**Judge, Ct of Appeals (10th District)**
- Susan D. Brown

**Judge, Ct of Appeals (10th District)**
- William A. Klett

**Member, State Central Committee - Man (3rd District)**
- Jim Burgess
- David Goodman

**Member, State Central Committee - Woman (3rd District)**
- JoAnn Davidson
- Meta Hahn

**State Representative (19th District)**
- Anne Gonzales

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Michael J. Holbrook

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Julie M. Lynch

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Michael E. Carlton

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Pat Sheeran

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Valoria C. Hoover

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Colleen O'Donnell

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Donald L. Kline
- Jodi Thomas

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Andy Hall

**Judge, Court of Common Pleas**
- Valoria C. Hoover


### Democratic Primary

**Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention**
- Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente
- Bernie Sanders
- Hillary Clinton

**U.S. Senator**
- Kelli Prather
- P.G. Sittenfeld
- Ted Strickland

**Representative to Congress (3rd District)**
- Joyce Beatty
Clerk of Court, Common Pleas
- Margaret O’Shaughnessy

Sheriff
- Dallas L. Baldwin
- Zach Scott

County Recorder
- Terry J. Brown
- Danny O’Connor

County Treasurer
- Cheryl Brooks Sullivan
- Edward Leonard

County Engineer
- No valid petition filed.

Coroner
- Anahl Ortiz

Member, County Central Committee
- Edwin England

Green Primary

U.S. Senator
- Joseph R. DeMare

Prosecuting Attorney
- Bob Fitrakis

Member, County Central Committee
- Becca Calhoun
- Philena I. Farley
- Bob Fitrakis
- Connie Hammond
- Suzanne M. Patzer
- Tekla Taylor-Lagway
- Michael Vinson

Police

January - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.
7.... 2p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd, menacing reported
14.. 9:24a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd, domestic violence resulting in arrest
22.. 2:30p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., theft reported
22.. 6:10p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, runaway reported & recovered

Medic

Medic 119 made 27 runs - 1 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park, with 19 patients transported to local hospitals. 9 members served a total of 171.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 171.5 hours. Leading staff for the month were Tom Baillett (34 hours), Jonathan Marsh (12 hours), and Ambrose Wu (25.5 hours)

MP Runs
1-15 .... Injured Person

January 2016

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 4:30p to 5:30p
Community Building
No cost.
Breathing, poses, relaxation. Ideal for beginners and experienced yogis. Please bring a mat and a blanket.
Kara Aden, 609-330-7927
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Village Financials
If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck at 614-882-5743.

January 2016
Beg balance Gen’l Fund adj...$507,505
Receipts...........................................$66,543
Disbursements...............................($383,758)
Ending balance.........................$490,290

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MP’s ballot on page 6-7
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MPCA President Dani Wolf..........................614-937-1994

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, March 16, 5p

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