Minerva Park

POOL

2016 Season Sign-Up Day

Sunday, April 17 - noon to 3 p.m. Community Building

Non-residents, join & pay by April 17 for a season discount. MP Residents enjoy a low, flat rate (no further discounts apply).

minervapark.org/pool

Lake Clean-up

Saturday, April 23
8:00a-noon • Light breakfast provided for workers.

Please join us and help make our Village look great. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Remember, this will count as community service for your son or daughter. Bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building. If you can work at other times or have questions, call Russell Dobbins, 614-565-3965.

Council Vacancy

If you are interested in filling a recent Council vacancy, please submit a letter of interest and your resume to Mayor Eisentrout or a Council member by April 8, 4 p.m. Interviews will be conducted at the Council work session on April 9, 8 a.m. If a qualified candidate is found, the appointee would finish a 4-year term expiring on December 31, 2017. More on pg 3.

Variance Requests

Attend a PUBLIC HEARING to consider a variance request. 6:30p, Commy Bldg

• April 11 - Great Value Storage, 5199 Westerville Rd. - to place a wall-mounted sign on the office building in addition to a freestanding monument sign.

• June 13 - Ta Lynn, 5167 Lakeland Ct. - to install a shed within the 8’ side yard setback and to install two fences forward of the rear property line.

APRIL DATES

6 (8a) .................. Mayor’s Court
6 (7p) ................... P&Z Cancelled
9 (8a) .......... Council Work Session
11 (6:30p) ........... Variance Request
11 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
13 (7p) ............... MPCA Meeting
17 (noon-3p) ........ Pool Sign-up
18 (7p) ............. Coffee with Council
19 (8a) ................ Mayors Court
20 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
23 (8a-noon) ........ Lake Clean-up
25 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
Interested in renting a Community Garden plot? A 100 sq.ft. plot rents for only $25 for the entire growing season, April through October. 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.

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.

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 Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 614-891-2166.

If you have some spare moments to help keep MP’s public beds in shape, please contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 614-891-2166.

**Scholarship**

**It’s Your Turn**

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.

**Volunteer Gardeners**
I hope everyone had a happy Easter and is enjoying the warmer temperatures as much as I am. Just a reminder to be please be careful of the many children who now reside in the Village and are out and about on bikes, running around, etc. While out walking, I am amazed at the many walkers, runners, and cyclists who I see enjoying our lovely Village.

This will be a shorter than usual report this month, just hitting the highlights.

**Council Vacancy:** It was with great sadness that I accepted Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry’s resignation from Council effective March 18. This was an extremely difficult decision for her. As a retiree from The Ohio State University, there is a conflict with her continuing in an elected position whether she accepted any compensation or not. If she continued to serve the Village, she would jeopardize receiving health-care benefits through OPERS. She is leaving us after 19 years of service.

What happens now? The Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy. Resumes and cover letters should be submitted to me or any Council member by April 8, 4 p.m. Applicants will be interviewed by the Council at its work session beginning at 8 a.m. on April 9. If a qualified candidate is found, Council will appoint the new member at the April 11 Council meeting. Qualifications include but are not limited to a one-year residency in the Village. If anyone has any questions about the duties and time commitment involved, feel free to contact me or any Council member. While this current Council is very engaged and energized, Pam will be sorely missed.

**Planning & Zoning:** Sadly, I also received Planning & Zoning Chairwoman Karen Cogley’s resignation, effective March 23. Karen and her husband Don reside at the Farview Road intersection and will be impacted by the road connecting the development to Route 161. In the coming months, she and Don will be concentrating their efforts on finding a home elsewhere (still in the Village, we hope). We wish them well and thank Karen for her exemplary service to the Village.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission, please contact me at 614-668-8240, 614-882-5743, or mayor@minervapark.org.

**Golf Course:** The final piece of legislation regarding the golf course property (establishing the Tax Increment Financing District) was passed at the March 14 Council meeting. Please see Councilwoman Pauken’s Legislative Committee report on pg 4. The owners of the golf course property and M/I Homes are now able move forward with their contract to sell/purchase the land. The golf course will close the beginning of July. Contrary to earlier reports that it would remain open as a 9-hole course through the 2016 season, because the EPA has ordered soil samplings and soil remediation as a result of decades of using fertilizer and chemicals on the grounds. More on this later.

**Pool:** We are preparing for our annual Discount Pool Sale this year. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. The Discount Sale is primarily geared to non-residents who must pay the full amount by 3 p.m. on April 17. Minerva Park residents are already receiving a discount because our taxes support the pool. For example, the non-resident rate for one person is $175. The April 17 nonresident discount rate will be $157. The resident rate is $150. Minerva Park residents certainly may pay for their memberships on April 17. Proof of your MP address is required. As a matter of fact, it would be appreciated if you would because we use this revenue as seed money to open the pool, paying for paint and chemicals and staff prepping the pool. The rates are posted on the Village website at minervapark.org/pool. This may be a little confusing because this is the first time we have initiated this different Family Rates scale for pool membership. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.

**Barking Dogs:** I know I sound like a broken record and don’t mean to, but we have a problem. The number of dogs in this Village is pretty nice because it adds to the family atmosphere of the Village, encouraging people to get out and walk or run. But we must respect our neighbors’ expectations of peace and quiet
... if one has a baby that needs to nap, if one works a third shift and needs to sleep during the day, and so on. Please do not leave your dogs out all day while you work. They are lonely and will or may bark incessantly. We have a noise ordinance that prohibits this sort of thing and will be enforced if the police are summoned. Please take a moment and ask yourself if this is the way you would want to be treated if you were in your neighbors' shoes.

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Not wanting to end on a negative note, I would like to share a quote. “I can assure you that public service is a stimulating, proud and lively enterprise. It is not just a way of life, it is a way to live fully.” Lee H. Hamilton.

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

**Finance**, John Michels. As of February 29, Village expenditures (all funds) totaled $229,307.50, and revenue (all funds) totaled $171,284.26. The gap between revenue and expenditures is normal for this time of year and directly related to the timing of receipt of property tax revenue from Franklin County that will arrive later in the year.

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

**Streets**, Michael Braun. The Streets Committee held a combined meeting with the Service Committee near the end of February. Discussing the immediate streets projects was waived in anticipation of the pending Streets Condition Assessment.

In mid-March, I met with Village Engineer Mike Flickinger and Julie Miller (Director of Infrastructure Services at Resource International) to discuss the upcoming Streets Condition Assessment project. This project will be a critical tool, allowing for an objective view of the condition of all streets in Minerva Park. When completed, we will receive detailed findings of the assessment, including suggested short- and long-term action plans. As a part of the project, Resource International will walk every street in the Village to visually assess the conditions of the pavement and curbing, where applicable. They will then drive the streets in a van with a trailer containing ground-penetrating radar equipment. This second step will give information of pavement thickness, pavement conditions below the top visible layer, and in some limited cases information pertaining to the base gravel layer. Based on current and projected street conditions, a master plan for the street maintenance will be created. To the best of our knowledge, none of the streets in Minerva Park has been completely rebuilt, only resurfaced (by any of several methods throughout the years). As we approach the point where most of our streets are 60+ years old, it is critical that we create a long-range master plan based on objective data. I look forward to sharing the findings of this assessment when it has been completed.

You may contact me at mbraun@minervapark.org or 614-406-3758.

**Community**, Russell Dobbins. The Community Committee did not meet in March as yours truly was incapacitated with the flu, but some progress was made despite this. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 20.

I hope MP families take advantage of the flat rate pool membership this year. More information and the registration form are on the flyer insert.

As it turns out, Village has budgeted $25,000 for the playground in 2016. Requests for proposals have been sent out to 5 manufacturers, and we should receive them while this newsletter is at press. I'll disseminate them to the committee and the Mayor, and then perhaps have a special meeting with the committee and the Mayor to discuss them. Now that the golf course development has been approved, this moves up the priority list.

The Mayor has the Veterans Memorial project in hand and has been posting updates on the Village website and the Community Association Facebook page.

See you on April 23, Lake Clean-up Day.

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

**Safety**, Vacant. Other than the continuation of the EMS Strategic Plan, with the resignation of Pam Park-Curry, there is no Safety report this month.

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

**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 available at the Community Building.

The Legislation Committee established a standing meeting 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 as of March 14.

Resolution 2016-4 - Authorizing the sale of obsolete or unused property via internet auction. 2nd reading, 3rd reading, and passage March 14.


Resolution 2016-6 - Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to request a certification and estimate of revenue for a 3.2 mill renewal levy. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency March 14 to ensure compliance with ORC §135.

Resolution 2016-7 - Declaring the necessity of seeking a 3.2 mill tax renewal levy. 1st reading March 14.

Resolution 2016-8 - Authorizing placing a 3.2 mill renewal levy on the ballot. 1st reading March 14.

Resolution 2016-9 - Authorizing a contract for credit card processing. 1st reading March 14.

Resolution 2016-10 - Declaring that certain expenditures are for a proper public purpose. 1st reading March 14.

Resolution 2016-11 - Confirming a full-time police officer, Michael Pocock. Three readings waived, passed March 14 as an emergency.

Resolution 2016-12 - Designating Fifth Third Bankcorp as a depository of Village monies. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency March 14 to ensure compliance with ORC §135.

Resolution 2016-13 - Setting the pool fees for the 2016 season. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency March 14 to establish fees in time for April’s advance sale date.

Ordinance 4-2016 - Creating a residential tax increment financing (TIF) district, requiring owners of parcels in that district to make service payments in lieu of taxes, establishing a TIF fund, specifying public improvements to be made using these funds, and establishing specifications regarding M/I Homes’ portion of TIF funds. 1st reading February 22, 2nd reading March 7, 3rd reading & passed March 14.

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

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**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.

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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 or give-aways at residences, please.

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

☐ May 14

☒ Aug 20

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**Registration**

MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address ____________________________

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Contact me for the MP resident-seller discount.

Margaret Maks
margaretmaks@gmail.com
315-2807

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Buy Any Lunch Combination Meal & Two Beverages, Get 2nd Lunch Combination FREE.*
*Lunch combo of equal or lesser value from #1-13. Not valid with other offers. 1 coupon per table/party - no exceptions. MP Villager. Expires 7-31-16.

$5 OFF
Any purchase of $25 or more
Not valid with other offers. 1 coupon per table/party - no exceptions. MP Villager. Expires 7-31-16.

50% OFF
Buy Any Combination Meal #1-23 and Two Beverages, Get 2nd entree 50% OFF.*
*Any dinner combo of equal or lesser value. Not valid with other offers. 1 coupon per table/party - no exceptions. Sun-Thurs only. MP Villager. Expires 7-31-16.
The Buckinghams on Minerva Lake Road

This story starts in Burbank OH, a farming community of about 500 people, where Liane and Craig Buckingham went to school and church, becoming high school sweethearts. In 1982, they married and moved to Lancaster OH, where Craig was a banker.

They moved into the Village in November 1986. It was the back yard that sold them on the house, even though they wanted a ranch for their future old age. The back yard opens onto Hawthorne Elementary, and “No one can ever change that,” says Liane. The new-built house they considered in Reynoldsburg was no match for the small-town charm and the trees of our Village. The minute they moved in, they were invited by neighbors to a progressive dinner. What was there not to like about MP?

They were youngsters then. “Buzz” Cockerell was the mayor (1980-1987). Their still-living neighbors from way back when are Bill and Jean Rickly, Betty Beatrice, George Stewart, and Marty Fletcher. Paul Lowrey, the neighbor who built their house, still had the blueprints when they were later needed.

Son Joshua was born a year after his parents moved to MP. Doing yard work since he was 10, Joshua has many customers throughout Franklin County (pg 8). He misses the July 4th parades in the Village, making it especially nostalgic that mom Liane helped build MP’s float for the 2015 NCC July 4th parade. As a little kid, with his parents’ written permission, he walked to Hawthorne Elementary. Fast-forward to graduating from Westerville South. In May 2005, he was profiled in the Villager for earning the Eagle Scout rank with the Boy Scouts of America. Today he works as a youth leader at his church and enjoys white-water rafting. The self-acclaimed “nature boy” also loves camping, working outside, and living in our spacious neighborhood.

Daughter Kaitlynn, now a speech pathologist, married 3 years ago. She graduated from University of Cincinnati and works in a nursing home in Dayton, enjoying her job with the elderly. Watching vintage television shows with her parents, she can keep up with the old-timers’ memories.

Liane used to work for Mutual Life Insurance in Columbus, across from the former COSI location on Broad Street. Now she babysits and 2 days a week works for Mike McGough, a chiropractor on Cleveland Ave., joining his firm about 5 months ago to help in the office. She loves gardening – both flowers and vegetables. When on vacation, she carries a good pair of binoculars for bird watching and a good camera. A vacation to Chincoteague and Assateague Islands VA yielded many lovely pictures of the wild ponies.

Craig’s favorite job was bailing hay as a youngster in Burbank OH. In college he worked at the Pick-a-Pop plant (Medina OH) that sold flavored and carbonated drinks. He once worked for Mid-American Federal Savings & Loan Association near the Columbus Main Post Office, and for the last 15 years has worked for Huntington Bank, first on the west side and now at the operations center on Morse Road.

He finds the Howler Monkey of MP pretty amusing, but his favorite story about the Village is of a black Labrador retriever that used to return golf balls for his neighbor for exercise. One day, when the dog ran away, their neighbor got a call from the Minerva Lake Golf Course about a black dog that was running off with everyone’s golf balls. Such is life in our pretty Village.

By Rose Hart, Resident

rose_hart@hotmail.com
Playground Fund
Help underwrite the costs of replacing the playground equipment at gofundme.com/MinervaParkPlay or donate direct by contacting president@mym pca.org.

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

Complete Electrical Work
Jay Wigfield, Electrician
17 years of experience
Upgrades • Fixtures • Ceiling Fans
774-1529
Making Sure Your
Electrical Work is
Up to Code

风暴下水道
请保持 MP 邻里关系，并保持您的房屋前的下水道畅通无阻。草屑在街道上会堵塞 MP 下水道，花费村资金。请将草屑 mulch 进自己的院子里，或者合理处理。谢谢您们为好邻居。

咖啡与理事会
居民们受邀 …
4月18日
星期一, 7:00p 社区中心
参加“与理事会喝咖啡”活动。
这是您与您的理事会成员
讨论村问题的机会。

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.

Grove Overhead Door
Doug Grove, Owner
614-572-6505
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Rick Fleming
Owner
614-747-5543 Rick
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Connerhomeimprovements@yahoo.com
Commercial and Residential
Licensed and Bonded
February - MP Police made no arrests.
9.. 3:45p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, juvenile complaint
10.. 10:42p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, juvenile complaint
23.. 5p, 5000 blk Farview Dr, juvenile complaint
23.. 7:36p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, juvenile complaint

February 2016
Citation payments............... 41
Village General Fund........... $4,882
Computer Funds................ $247
Remitted to the State.......... $764
Columbus ........................ $27
Capital Recovery System ...... $266
Total Court Receipts.......... $5,939

February 2016
Beg balance Gen’l Fund .....$490,298
Receipts................................ $68,563
Disbursements...................(91,369)
Ending balance ...................$467,493

The Hawthorne Spring Fun Fair is Saturday, April 30, from 10a-1p. The community is invited to join the fun with games, food, inflatables, and information about summer resources. There is no admission fee. Community volunteers are very welcome, as are donations of raffle items. Businesses are invited to become a sponsor and have a table at the event. Contact Jenny Lin at hawthorneparents@gmail.com or 614-330-2667 for more information about any of these involvement opportunities.

Will you be a Hawthorne parent during the 2016-2017 school year? Come to the PTO meeting on April 20 at 7p to find out how the PTO supports the school and the many opportunities there are to become involved. Sign up for email updates at hawthorneschool.org.

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2-10 .... Injured person
2-23 .... Psychiatric problems

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 kwalton9@gmail.com

The Villager - April 2016
Hawthorne Highlights
By Resident Jenny Lin
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Dated material.

Deliver by Apr. 1

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2829 Minerva Lake Road
Columbus OH 43231

Minerva Park the Villager

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, April 20, 5p