MP Garden Tour - June 26, 1p-5p

Four Minerva Park gardens and two public gardens are scheduled for the FREE annual garden tour sponsored by your MP Community Association. It is not too late to be a garden tour participant. Call 614-560-0452 or email bgale@columbus.rr.com for more information. For updates closer to the time of the event, visit mympca.org/Events, minervapark.org, or consult the Sunday Columbus Dispatch At Home section, column “Coming Up.”

Gardens participating so far …

• 2690 Lakewood Dr. - An English cottage garden combined with a shady park-like setting along a ravine with hostas, perennials, annuals, and ground covers.
• 2829 Lakewood Dr. - A formal front yard garden with a backyard transformed with perennials, annuals, garden art on the site of a swimming pool.
• Lakewood and Maplewood Drives, the Mary Yost Garden - A public garden with numerous hostas and other perennials in a natural setting.
• 3071 Minerva Lake Rd. - A hillside perennial & vegetable garden surrounded by mature trees in a natural setting overlooking the golf course. Look in the fenced backyard for the secret garden.
• 3054 Minerva Lake Rd. - The back yard is mostly a shady perennial landscape, featuring old trees, a screened porch, and unique “outhouses.” These wooden structures include a pergola and a combination storage shed with an attached potting shed that houses a hanging swing, a favorite spot to unwind.
• 2829 Minerva Lake Rd., MP Community Building - A colorful shade garden with hostas, perennials, and annuals. The rear garden overlooks Minerva Lake.

In Memoriam

This year’s MP Garden Tour is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Lude, MP resident since 1979 and avid gardener. He was recognized with a President’s Award by the Northland Community Council in 1992 for his service to the Village. The residential beautification award acknowledged his wonderfully landscaped home on Maplewood, a favorite stop on the MP Garden Tour throughout the years.

JUNE DATES
1 (8a) .................... Mayor’s Court
1 (7p) .................... Planning & Zoning
11 (8a) .................. Council Work Session
11 (7p-10p) ............. Wine & Cheese
13 (6:30p) ............. Variances Hearing
13 (7p) .................... Council Meeting
15 (8a) .................... Mayor’s Court
15 (7p) .................... MPCA Meeting
18 (6p) .................... Villager Deadline
18-19 .................... Hydrant Flushing
20 (7p) ............. Coffee with Council
26 (1p-5p) ............... MP Garden Tour
27 (7p) .................... Council Meeting
MP Community Association News

2016 “Duck Award”

Your Community Association is pleased to announce it has selected MPCA President Dani Wolf as recipient of the 2016 Citizen of the Year Award, affectionately referred to as the “Duck Award.” It honors a resident or group of residents who have made the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life in Minerva Park.

In addition to their name(s) being added to a plaque that hangs in the Community Building, MPCA also presents them with a plaque to have in their home.

Dani has shown great leadership to the MPCA, especially in the planning and implementation for Minerva Park’s 75th Anniversary.

One of the greatest concerns we heard from residents at the well-attended election meeting (where Dani was chosen for the position of President) was communication. She answered this call by establishing and maintaining a website exclusive to the MPCA, which plays into another one of our goals to be separate but supportive of the Village government.

Dani has been a good steward of the community. In addition to keeping the residents informed, the website can be the “first look” prospective residents get into the close-knit, involved community we are, making MP the great place it is to live and raise a family.

She has a vision for our future. On the website, residents can sign up for our various events (like the Christmas Carriage Rides) and soon will be able to purchase their MPCA memberships there. This will morph eventually to a real-time master resident list and simplify the whole Membership Drive and Christmas Carriage Ride registration processes.

With her knowledge of technology, she is bringing the organization into the 21st century by streamlining the way we go about our business - on-line tax filing, setting-up electronic banking and the use of auto pay for immediate reimbursement to volunteers organizing our events, in addition to the interactive website.

Dani came into this without much of a framework to go by. She created a President’s to-do list so successors will have a blueprint to work from. (A working document for sure!)

She has also done a stellar job of bringing “new blood” to the organization and adding many new volunteers, vital to the continuing success of your MP Community Association. Join today for a contribution of only $20 annually.

Congratulations, Dani, and thank you!

Volunteer Gardeners

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

Wine & Cheese

June 11 • 7p-10p • 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!

Nancy Fisher Scholarship

Your MP Community Association is pleased to announce that Connor D. Guarino of Park Lane Dr. is the recipient of the 2016 Nancy Fisher Scholarship. A MP resident for 11 years, Connor is a 2016 graduate of Metro Early College High School. While maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Connor participated in the Metrobotics team, Student Government, and internships with Battelle Memorial Institute and The Ohio State University Department of Welding/Engineering. Connor will be attending Ohio State’s College of Engineering this coming year. Congratulations, Connor, and good luck on your future endeavors!
Mayors Report

Lynn Eisentrout

I would probably be correct if I said that the golf course project is foremost on everyone’s mind, so I will concentrate on this project in my report to you this month. It has been busy. I have signed off on the Farview Road plans, which have been approved by both ODOT and our Village Engineer. Discussions have been thorough, particularly with respect to addressing both the safety concerns at the 161/Old 161 intersection and the traffic pattern near the existing school.

The 161/Farview entrance, however, is another matter. M/I Homes has revised its original plans to reflect the historical aspects of the Village, but these plans still need a little work. I have asked the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council to weigh in on these new plans. This discussion will take place at the June 1 Planning & Zoning meeting. Knowing that the Villager will not have reached you by then, I will have the draft of the entrance plans posted on the Village website at minervapark.org/golfcourse with a heads-up posting on the MPCA Facebook page directing you to the link.

The TIF Agreement has not been filed yet. A Quick Claim Deed will need to be executed for a lot split involving a land conveyance between the Westerville School District, M/I Homes, and the Village.

Oversight and inspections throughout the development phases of this project are important. Along with Franklin County, our engineering firm, CH2M Hill, will provide a field inspector and a project manager until the buildout is complete. We are committed to transparency throughout the buildout, and I will do my best to post updates as they are made available to us.

Public Meeting

July 11 - 6:30p
Community Building

Proposed 2017 Tax Budget
Voting on the budget will be at the July 11 Council Meeting.

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Where are we with the earthen dam and North Lake dredging? I have spoken with the M/I Homes representative assigned to this part of the project and have scheduled a meeting in early June. This will be inclusive of conversations with ODNR’s Dam Safety Agency as we need to push these projects ahead and complete them in tandem. Again as we move forward, I will provide updates.

What is the schedule as we now know it? Farview Road construction will begin in early- to mid-June. The school grounds will be used as the staging area for equipment. We are anticipating that there will be road closures at Minerva Lake Road and Farview Road, and information will be posted as we receive it.

Please continue to watch minervapark.org/golfcourse for updates and don’t hesitate to contact me, any Planning & Zoning Commission member, or Council member with any questions or concerns.

Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings. Dates and times are posted at the Community Building, Pool, and Playground, or call 614-882-5743.

Community, Russell Dobbins. The new playground equipment is scheduled for installation the week of June 20. rdobbins@minervapark.org or 614-565-3965.

Safety, Scott Hansan. No report submitted. shansan@minervapark.org.

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

Legislation, Jennifer Pauken. Enacted legislation is posted at minervapark.org/legislation/. Pending legislation is included in Council Meeting packets posted near the bottom of minervapark.org. Hard copies are available at the Community Building. Legislation as of the May 9 Council meeting:

Ordinance 5-2016 - Supplemental appropriations. Three readings waived, passage.

Resolution 2016-14 - Confirming part-time police officer Jeremy Doran. Three readings waived, passage.

Resolution 2016-15 -
Authorizing a contract for phone services with ComResource. 1st reading.

jpauken@minervapark.org or 614-891-5880.

Finance, John Michels. All residents are encouraged to attend a public meeting on Monday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., to discuss the proposed 2017 tax budget. jmichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026.

Streets, Michael Braun. Nothing new to report. mbraun@minervapark.org or 614-406-3758. •

**Variance Request**

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

• 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.

**It’s Your Turn**

Your MP Community Association needs help ... someone to serve as Treasurer. Please email president@mympca.org with your interest and to learn more. •

**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are June 1 and June 15, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

April 2016

Citation payments...................... 36
Village General Fund........ $3,379
Computer Funds..................... $313
Remitted to the State............. $794
Columbus ............................ $30
Capital Recovery System ..... $89
Total Court Receipts .......... $4,292

**Hydrant Flushing**

The Fire Department will be flushing the hydrants during the weekend of June 18-19. This annual program helps ensure that all hydrants are in proper working order. flushing removes a fair amount of sediment from the water lines but may not clear all of it. There have been a number of cases of clothing coming out of the wash with orange streaks. Please refrain from washing clothes during or soon after the flushing is complete, if possible.

Another aspect of hydrant maintenance is ensuring that all hydrant “watch valves” (the hydrant’s shut-off valve) are working properly. We identified eight hydrants with buried valves (where the cap to the valve chamber was up to 7” underground). To ensure that we are able to maintain all hydrant watch valves, all valve caps have been fully exhumed.

As always, we’re to help. Please email firechief@minervapark.org if we may be of service.

Thank you,

Fire Chief Rick Hoechstetter

**Police Report**

April - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.

1... 6:03a, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, recovered stolen vehicle
4... 5:20p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr, property damage
9... 10:20a, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, aggravated menacing reported
12.. 12:24a, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, theft reported
19.. 9:10a, 2829 Minerva Lake Rd, warrant arrest
25.. 6:53a, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, disorderly conduct
26.. 1:22p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, suicide attempt
27.. 12:13p, 5400 Cleveland Ave, theft reported
27.. 5:04p, 5000 blk Maplewood Dr, discharge of firearm within city limit
28.. 7:03p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, reported assault, threatening, menacing
April and Anthony Forrest

These new residents were born and raised in Westerville, knowing about Minerva Park because Anthony often played golf at the Minerva Lake Golf Course. They looked for a house in Westerville, but MP won out. They moved into the Village in May 2015 because of the large spaces between houses, unique homes, and the character that the mature trees give our Village. April loves walking their two big dogs on the wide street. Griffin (named after Archie Griffin) is a chocolate lab, and Meeko is an adopted German short-haired pointer.

April has a deep passion for exotic animals, getting her bachelors in zoology from The Ohio State University. She served an internship in Panama at a sanctuary for howler monkeys, taking care of animals rescued from the pet trade and those needing rehabilitation. Studying troops of monkeys in the forest, she learned how to reintroduce them to the wild. While there, she met people from all over the world and is still in touch with new friends from the UK, Australia, and Long Island NY.

April was still a student at Ohio State when she began applying for a position at the Columbus Zoo. She started as an unpaid intern, caring for polar bears, reindeer, and pumas (the same as cougars, catamounts, and mountain lions). Now she works for its Animal Programs started by Jack Hannah and Suzi Rapp. They care for and train more than 300 animals that visit schools and elders’ homes and appear on TV shows. For example, seriema birds in the wild smash lizards or snakes against rocks to break their bones and eat them, but Kevin - a favorite of elementary school children - learned to demonstrate this behavior by smashing a rubber lizard on a rock. Most recently, Kevin traveled with Jack Hannah to Texas.

Anthony has a bachelors in molecular genetics, also from Ohio State. He chose molecular genetics with the intention of going to medical school. Through his studies, Anthony saw how evolution and creation can meet in the middle – neither side has all the answers. He studied and replicated the DNA of fruit flies. He is amazed by the complexities of the human body in which every cell has hundreds of little tiny machines working, doing their specific jobs, all interconnected.

Through his college years, he was a volunteer baseball and football coach in Westerville City Schools. Upon graduating from Ohio State, he realized he loved working with high school students, so he got a teaching degree in Integrated Science from Ashland University. He also worked for a cellular phone company that erased data and recycled phones by selling them to smaller companies and to third-world countries. Abandoning a boring job, Anthony now teaches Biology and Advanced Placement Environmental Science and coaches varsity football and baseball at Westerville Central HS.

If April and Anthony had all the money and time in the world, they would travel and hike, starting with Anthony’s ancestral country, the Philippines. They would explore the world’s religions and backpack through Europe, enjoying the world’s beauty through nature. Most of all, they would fulfill one of April’s bucket list items, going on an African safari to see the big animals that she loves.

Anthony and April bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to our Village. After moving here, they learned what friendly and welcoming neighbors they have. They are happy here and recently joined the Newcomers Committee, chaired by their next-door neighbor Christine Hawks, so they could be friendly and welcoming to new residents who come after them. Welcome, April and Anthony!
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April 2016
Medic 119 made 21 runs - 6 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park, with 13 patients transported to local hospitals.

12 members served a total of 171 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 757.3 hours. Leading staff for the month were Tim Lockard (29 hours), Tom Balliett (25 hours), and Ambrose Wu (19.3 hours).

MP Runs
4-28 .... Mental health

Residents are invited ...
Monday, June 20
7:00p Community Building
to have “Coffee with Council.”
This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck at 614-882-5743.

April 2016
Beg balance Gen'l Fund ........$694,529
Receipts.................................$127,102
Disbursements......................($104,297)
Ending balance.....................$717,334

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Next deadline: Wednesday, June 18, 5p