Christmas Carriage Rides
Sunday, December 18, 5:30p-8:30p
Reservation deadline December 1, 5 p.m.
Request preferred time(s) online at mympca.org or email your reservations to mayor@minervapark.org or deliver to Lynn Eisentrou (882-5743), 2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Carriage Rides are open to MPCA members only. Not a Community Association member? (1) Join the MPCA in person ($20) or online ($21) at mympca.org/2016-membership-registration/. (2) Then request your preferred time(s) for the Christmas Carriage Rides below or online.

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed) Phone #

Email address for confirmation

Village Leaf Pick-up Program

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• Avoid parking on the street, especially in cul-de-sacs where it’s difficult for the large truck to navigate our narrow streets.

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Christmas Eve starting at 8p
Light up the Village on Christmas Eve, starting at 8 p.m.
Story on pg. 8.

Seeking euchre players to start a card club. Carol, 614-882-4825, carolo1969@peoplepc.com.

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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.

President & Vice President
- Hillary Clinton & Tim Kaine - D
- Richard Duncan & Ricky Johnson - N
- Gary Johnson & William Weld - L
- Jill Stein & Ajamu Baraka - G
- Donald Trump & Michael Pence - R

U.S. Senator
- Tom Connors - N
- Joseph DeMare - G
- Rob Portman - R
- Scott Rupert - N
- Ted Strickland - D

U.S. Representative (3rd Dist)
- John Adams - R
- Joyce Beatty - D

State Representative (19th Dist)
- Anne Gonzales - R
- Michael Johnston - D

County Commissioner
- John O’Grady - D
- Whitney Smith - R

Prosecuting Attorney
- Bob Fitrakis - G
- Zach Klein - D
- Ron O’Brien - R

Clerk of Court Common Pleas
- Maryellen O’Shaughnessy - D
- Besa Sharrah - R

Sheriff
- Dallas Baldwin - D

County Recorder
- Daphne Hawk - R
- Danny O’Connor - D

County Treasurer
- Ted Berry - R
- Cheryl Brooks Sullivan - D

County Engineer
- Dean Ringle - R

Coroner
- Anahi Ortiz - D

Member, State Board of Education
- Stephanie Dodd - D

Chief Justice Supreme Court
- Maureen O’Connor - R

Justice of Supreme Court
- Pat Fischer - R
- John O’Donnell - D

Justice of Supreme Court
- Cynthia Rice - D
- Pat DeWine - R

Judge Ct of Appeals (10th Dist)
- Jennifer Brunner - D

Judge Ct of Appeals (10th Dist)
- Julia Dorrian - D

 Judge Ct of Appeals (10th Dist)
- Susan Brown - R

Judge Ct of Appeals (10th Dist)
- William Klatt - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Michael Holbrook - R
- Crysta Pennington - D

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Julie Lynch - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Mark Serrott - D

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Jeffrey Brown - D
- Stephanie Hanna - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Laurel Beatty - D

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Colleen O’Donnell - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Richard Frye - D
- Donald Kline - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas
- Kimberly Cocroft - D
- Lauren Dolan - R

Judge Ct Common Pleas, Domestic
- Kim Browne - R
- Jim Reese - D

#59 Proposed Tax Levy (Substitute) Westerville School District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Westerville City School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the initial sum of $16,540,000, and a levy of taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 7.13 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.713 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018, with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list?
- for the tax levy
- against the tax levy

#60 Proposed Sales and Use Tax (Continuation) Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
Shall the continuation of an existing sales and use tax be levied for the purpose of providing transportation service for the district, including service to the elderly and people with disabilities, modernizing the bus fleet, and all other transit purposes of the Central Ohio Transit Authority at a rate not exceeding one-fourth (1/4%) percent for a period of ten years?
- yes
- no
M/I Homes Development:
The sanitary sewer installation and most of the storm sewer work have been completed. Waterline construction and should be finished by the end of October. Columbia Gas has completed gas line work at the Farview & Minerva Lake Road intersection, except for pavement repair. The Final Plat (Phase I) is on the agenda to be discussed at the November Planning & Zoning meeting. If approved, it will be placed on the Council agenda for consideration. M/I Homes is planning to break ground for their model home in November, but we are still awaiting information for that approval. Our Village Engineer, Law Director, Zoning Clerk, Planning Director, and I met with the Franklin County Building staff to confirm the permitting process and required inspections when the building process begins. The Village and Franklin County have worked well together for many years. They are contracted with the Village to act as our Building Department. While this is Minerva Park’s first experience with a large development, the Franklin County staff are well-versed in the permitting and inspection process. I will continue to post construction and time-sensitive updates (such as the waterline shut-off) on the Village website. The M/I Homes project is moving ahead of schedule. Business moves more quickly than government, or at least they want to. While we will continue to be cooperative with the developer, as your elected officials we are mindful that we must maintain this development long after M/I Homes has left, and we will not be rushed in to any hasty decisions. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any Council member or me.

Veterans Memorial: The approved renderings have been sent to the monument company after adding the WAVES medallion at no extra charge. View them at minervapark.org. Our electrician has ordered the equipment needed to move the lights near the flagpole so the concrete work may be competed. Relocating the lines and lights is important so the lines will not risk being cut or encased in concrete when the monument company digs the footer. The electrician is coordinating this effort with the monument company staff. I have negotiated the second new concrete slab by the flagpole to be installed at no charge by the contractor (Kurguz Paving) that will be repairing 2 storm drains and an alley. He is graciously donating his time and material. Many thanks, Mike Yoli. The remaining areas around the monument and flagpole will be filled in by engraved memorial brick pavers. There are approximately 200 sold. If you are interested in purchasing a paver, please contact Harry Toy at 614-890-0141. We welcome any and all veterans to be recognized.

Lakes and Dam: As some of you may know, several immediate repairs to the dam are needed even though there is a reasonably good chance that permanent repairs and improvements to the earthen dam may be competed as early as next spring. I will be meeting during the third week of October with the company that will be making these repairs to get us through the winter and early spring. The immediate repair involves the secondary pipe, which is now compromised. To safely facilitate this repair, the lakes will need to be lowered significantly in November. The second piece of this puzzle, and another good reason to lower the lakes, is to inspect the >70-year-old pipe that connects the two lakes. We suspect that it needs to be replaced and hope to complete this in conjunction with the dam improvement project and dredging or excavating both lakes. The lakes will be allowed to fill naturally once the inspections and repairs are completed. We had a very good meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Program (ODNRDSP) staff in October to discuss all of these projects. Present were our Law Director, Village Planner, M/I Homes rep, EMH&T dam team coordinator, and me. We have received approval for the pipe repair and lowering the lake’s water level. The ODNRDSP staff are working out the final design plans for the dam improvement with our staff. We seem to have settled on the dam remaining Class III, but the final classification awaits the final agreement by ODNR and my office.

All Council members were present for the regular Council
meeting held on October 10.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported that the Ohio Collaborative Taskforce onsite visit took place on October 6. She learned on October 10 that the Minerva Park Police Department is being recommended for full certification, indicating that the Department is a model agency that Ohio Collaborative Taskforce would recommend using as an example for other police agencies in Ohio. Congratulations Chief Nuesse and our Police Department!

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that the wage increase seems to be working. He is scheduling interviews for 1-3 potential candidates. The EMS vehicle had a routine maintenance check-up and is in good shape.

**Planning & Zoning:** Councilman Michael Braun reported that the P&Z Commission approved a cart corral for the Yasmin Market and a fence permit for a resident. The members briefly reviewed the Final Plat (Phase I) and tabled it for further discussion at its November meeting. Three ordinances (fences, accessory buildings, dumpster screening) are ready to be finalized by the P&Z Commission and then forwarded to the Village Council Legislative Committee for further review. The next issue to be addressed legislatively will be vegetation restrictions (weeds, grass, etc.) to be put in place before the next growing season.

**Village Planning:** Planning Director Eric Fischer sent Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger some good examples of tree and grass ordinances used in other local municipalities. The M/I Homes development is first in priority. Law Director Gene Hollins forwarded a copy the subdivision bond agreement that still needs two more items before being submitted. Planning Director Fischer and I met with the landscaping company contracted with M/I Homes to hold a preliminary discussion of tree selections, specifically at the 161 & Farview Road entrance. Director Fischer has received a preliminary copy of the housing stock from M/I Homes. Better and clearer copies are forthcoming and will be reviewed. He also discussed the vacant former rehabilitation center and how we may be able to impose a conditional use to restrict the type of businesses that may operate there.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

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**Finance:** John Michels, jmichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026. Through September 2016, Village disbursements in the General Fund were nearly 10% under appropriations. In addition, revenues tracked slightly higher than anticipated. This has helped to strengthen Minerva Park’s overall financial condition and will allow us to take advantage of some exciting opportunities. For example, we’ve hired a part-time Village Planner to assist with permit processing and oversight related to the M/I Homes development and assist with exploring opportunities to improve Minerva Park’s brand through the use of strategic tools, such as Community Improvement Corporations (CICs).

Looking toward 2017, Council held two productive public meetings to discuss the next budget and appropriations. Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck, Mayor Lynn Eisentruit, and the department chiefs have been working diligently to plan for and present their spending priorities to Council.

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

- **Streets:** Michael Braun, mbraun@minervapark.org or 614-406-3758. No report submitted.
- **Community:** Russell Dobbins, rdobbins@minervapark.org or 614-565-3965. No report submitted.
- **Safety:** Scott Hansan, shansan@minervapark.org or 614-302-2433. No report submitted.
- **Service:** Brian Wolf, bwolf@minervapark.org or 614-948-2372. No report submitted.
- **Legislation:** Jennifer Pauken, jpauken@minervapark.org or 614-891-5880. 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. No report submitted.

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**September - MP Police made no arrests.**

1. 12:35a, 5200 blk E Shore Dr, menacing reported
2. 3:02p, 5199 Westerville Rd, Great Value Storage, private property crash
26. 6:17p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr, criminal damaging reported
27. 1:30p, 2800 blk Maplewood Dr, recovered stolen vehicle
29. 12:57p, Great Value Storage, domestic dispute
30. 7:26p, Farview Dr at Minerva Lake Rd, warrant on file •
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**Hawthorne Highlights**

By Resident Jenny Lin

Our thanks to Walmart and MPCA’s Donna Kopecky for school supply donations.

Take your ID to the polls ... driver’s license, Ohio photo ID, bank statement, utility bill, paycheck, any government-issued document showing your current address. Caveat Emptor - The recap on page 2 can help you become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls. MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then GO VOTE!

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Medic 119 made 20 runs - 3 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park, with 13 patients transported to local hospitals.

13 members served a total of 175 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,967 hours. Leading staff for the month were Thomas Balliett (38.3 hours), Jeremy Lucin (17.5 hours), and Tim Lockard (16.5 hours).

MP Runs
9-23 .... Welfare Check
9-30 .... Unconscious Person

September 2016
Citizen Report

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

September 2016
Beg balance Gen’l Fund .......... $831,850
Receipts................................ $101,279
Disbursements...................... ($110,015)
Ending balance.................... $793,092
By Rose Hart, Resident
rose_hart@hotmail.com

This periodic column interviews Village residents to deepen our sense of community by knowing our neighbors and our history. If you wish to be featured or suggest a neighbor, email rose_hart@hotmail.com.

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Gus and Colleen Sariotis

In 1976, Gus Sariotis played a guitar in a Greek band and one night heard John Lennon on the Tom Snyder TV show say, “Make your dreams come true by wishing” Gus wished for a girl that would like the same music he liked, maybe play a musical instrument, and that her favorite band would be the Beatles. A month later he met Colleen at his favorite record store. She liked the Beatles, sang, played a guitar, and collected records. Bingo!! His wish came true! Gus had met the girl of his dreams.

For six years, they continued their passion for record collecting, playing music, and traveling to record, collectibles, and toy shows. Slowly they built up their “Colleen’s Collectibles” business, transitioning from a regular storefront to also selling on Ebay.

In 1980, they used their wedding money to buy the stock of a closed record store, waiting two more years to marry. In its heyday, “Colleen’s Collectibles” on Oakland Park always had a full parking lot of folks waiting to get the latest LP or 45. Colleen and Gus deal mainly in old vinyl records, but also in music memorabilia, toys, and other collectibles. The new vinyl being pressed today is expensive, and they prefer to buy older used collections.

At age 5, Gus got the collector’s bug when his Aunt Helen gave him two 45 rpm records, one of Perry Como and the other of Elvis with “Don’t Be Cruel” and “Hound Dog.” Gus and siblings played those records till they were worn out. When he was 7, his mother would take him to Lazarus to buy 45 rpm records (LPs were too expensive), which they could preview in the store before buying.

Aunt Helen gave Gus his first 45 rpm player. His first album was by the Everly Brothers. At 12, Gus started guitar lessons with his brother, so when the Beatles hit the scene in 1964, Gus thought of them as the Everly Brothers on steroids. “Beatles changed my life,” he now says, “because they were always ahead of all other musicians.” He fell in love with their music.

In college, Gus worked at Rubino’s Pizza in Bexley until midnight, making a whopping $2 an hour alongside three “crazy” guys. He missed “The Doors” and “The Who” because no one could cover for him, and not getting the raise he asked for was the straw that broke the camel’s back. He quit. He did get to see Jimi Hendrix, Cream, and Janis Joplin. Subsequent work included Western Electric (10 years), tending bar, and helping in his father’s restaurant with his brother. When his father died suddenly, Gus worked nights back at Western Electric and days at the restaurant.

Colleen’s father was in the military and her origins were at Fort Knox KY, although her family ties are in Columbus. At 12, she bought a Victrola record player that only played 78 rpm records, and she collected coins. At 16, she was a car hop at Jerry’s Drive In in Radcliff KY, where she graduated from high school in 1970. That is where her music career began, with stints in coffee houses as a solo and then in a band, “The Free Approach.” At 18, she hit the road singing and playing her guitar, touring from Chicago to St. Louis to Florida to New York City. She continued solo work and with bands including “Murphy’s Law,” “Project One,” and “Redhouse.”

Today Colleen sings with “The Vinyl Revival Band” that played at the Italian Festival in Columbus.

Gus and Colleen call themselves the Early American Pickers. They would scout small towns to collect old records, lunch boxes, toys, magazines, etc., especially interested in buying and selling Beatles music and memorabilia. They have had a serious effect on the Columbus music scene. In 1978, they began hosting the Columbus Record Show at Veterans Memorial Hall, now held at the Haimerl Center. The next one is on November 12. They also had the biggest booth at the Ohio State Fair for 15 years in the Antique Building.

In the 1970s and 1980s, they joined the “BeatleFest” in NYC and Chicago, with Gus meeting the driver for John Lennon. Gus and Colleen also met Joey Molland, the only surviving member of the band “Badfinger,” who once lived in Westerville.

Colleen and Gus moved to Minerva Park in 1986, wanting a quiet neighborhood near their shop. With their MP house came a majestic oak tree that is on the National Registry and is protected. It cannot be chopped down because it is estimated to be between 300 and 400 years old.

Gus has a fun memory of the now-closed Meijer store, once breaking up a fight there. He was meeting an 80-year-old friend, and together they stopped a man who was angry at the restaurant manager because he just fired the man’s wife. Gus’ friend said, “Break his arm if you have to.” Spared the fight, he laughs about it now.

You can find Colleen & Gus on Facebook at “Colleen’s Collectables,” “Columbus Ohio Record & Music Memorabilia Show,” and “The Vinyl Revival Band.”

Happy 40th Anniversary of your meeting, Colleen and Gus!

Happy 30th year in Minerva Park!
Christmas Eve Luminaries

Light up the Village on Christmas Eve, starting at 8 p.m.

As in years past, many residents helped light up Minerva Park on Christmas Eve with luminaries lining the street in front of their properties. These were very festive sights, and your Community Association would like to do it again this year.

Pick up luminary kits at Children’s Christmas Party (Dec. 17, 10a-noon), Christmas Carriage Rides (Dec. 18, 5:30p-7:30p), or at MPCA meeting (Dec. 14, 7p-8p). Only $5 for five kits ... votive candles, white bags, sand. Email president@mympca.org or visit mympca.org to pre-order and pay online so we can gauge the number of kits we need to have on hand.

MP’s Ballot

Preview MP’s ballot at minervapark.org and on pg 2. Vote on Nov. 8 at North Park Church of Christ, 4938 Westerville Road. 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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