2016 Recap
By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

With 2016 coming to an end, I thought I’d share some recurring items, as a reminder.

**Roof Replacements** require a Franklin County building permit. First, obtain a Minerva Park “Property Improvement Notification” letter (available at the Community Building or by emailing sdoellinger@minervapark.org or lroblin@minervapark.org). Then either you or your roofer take it to Franklin County for a building permit, 150 South Front Street. Learn more at development.franklincountyohio.gov/building/about-building.cfm.

**Trash Collection** - Trash is to be placed at the curb no sooner than the afternoon before for Monday morning pick-up and removed from the curb by the morning after. In case a recognized holiday occurs on Monday, that schedule is slid to Tuesday. MP’s recognized holidays are New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

**Election Signs** are permitted in yards, private property, not within the right-of-way, from 30 days before the election to 7 days after the election. Many signs were put out slightly early, and most signs are too close to the street. In Minerva Park front yards begin approximately 13’ back from the street.

**Vegetation hanging over the street and/or obscuring traffic signs** is not permitted. We live in an environment where plants thrive, and as a result sometimes grow to be a nuisance. Occupants are responsible for maintaining the land between the lot and the street that is in the right-of-way. Please trim back all vegetation hanging over the street below 17’ in height and make sure all traffic signs are visible clearly.

**Overgrown planting beds** are an eyesore and not permitted. Well intentioned and fueled by ambition when created, beds require ongoing maintenance just like lawns do. Please keep weeds and other plant materials tidy and in good shape.

Thank you to all who work diligently at keeping your property and Minerva Park looking good!

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**Light up the Village on Christmas Eve.**
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 a kit of 10-hour votive candles, bags, and sand to make 5 luminaries. 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.

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**Leaf Pick-up Last Call**

The leaf pick-up season will end on December 12. Please rake your leaves near the curb for this last sweep through the Village. And remember to not park on the streets so the vendor can collect as many leaves as possible.

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DECEMBER DATES
7 (8a) ..................... Mayor’s Court
7 (7p) .................. Planning & Zoning
10 (8a) ..........Council Work Session
12 (7p) ..............Council Meeting
14 (5p) .............. Villager Deadline
14 (7p) ............. MPCA Meeting
17 (10a-noon) ..... Christmas Party
18 (5:30p-8:30p) .... Carriage Rides
19 (7p) ...............Council Meeting
21 (8a) ............... Mayor’s Court
Children’s Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 17 • 10a to noon • Community Building

Games, crafts, ornament making, and more. We need 6 bakers for 2 dozen treats each ... and a couple of helpers, so please call Glenda Morris (614-882-2359) to help.

ML Golf Course Christmas Gifts

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? How about a mouse pad or photo(s) of your favorite picture of the Minerva Lake Golf Course (pre-construction, of course). Pictures will be available order during the December Community Association meeting (Dec. 14, 7p-8p), the Children’s Christmas Party (Dec. 17, 10a-noon), and the Christmas Carriage Rides (Dec. 18, 5:30p-7:30p), all held at the Community Building ... or contact Jean McColl at 614-895-0465.

Santa to Visit the Christmas Carriage Rides

Sunday, December 18

If you have confirmed reservations for the Christmas Carriage Rides, please note that Santa will visit from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Festival of Lights

December 16-22

If you are looking for creativity and artistic expression during the holidays, now is your opportunity to decorate your property and celebrate this beautiful community by making it a winter wonderland. If you won a first place in last year’s contest, you are not eligible to win this year, but your talents as judges would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in judging should contact Bob Gale at 614-560-0452.

Decorating categories are:

• Best Outdoor Tree
• Best Entranceway
• Best Religious Theme
• Best Whimsical Display
• Best Outline Effect
• Best Star Shower
• Best Classic Lights

Judging will take place December 16-22. The judges look for well placed, well thought-out decorations and enjoy having the decorations complement the property. Be imaginative, creative, and have fun! 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 2016-2017 membership year.

Village Financials

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

October 2016

Beg balance Gen’l Fund .......... $793,592
Receipts .................................. $130,720
Disbursements ......................... ($110,401)
Ending balance ........................ $813,911

October 2016

Medic 119 made 13 runs - 1 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park, with 12 patients transported to local hospitals. 7 members served a total of 100.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,067 hours. Leading staff for the month were Thomas Balliett (37.3 hours), Jeremy Lucin (15.8 hours) & Jonathan Marsh (13 hours).

MP Runs

10-6 .... Woman Giving Birth

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are December 7 & 21, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 614-882-1408.

October 2016

Citation payments ....................... 36
Village General Fund ............. $4,144
Computer Funds ...................... $345
Remitted to the State .............. $834
Columbus .............................. $33
Capital Recovery System ........... $21
Total Court Receipts .............. $5,057
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Condolences: We lost a dear friend and valued long-time resident when Tom Shannon passed away on November 17. Tom did our pool maintenance for many years, truly a labor of love for him. He would spend countless hours preparing the pool to open and closing and winterizing it at the end of the season. He built a fountain for the baby pool and was the creator of the 10’ sundae that has delighted our little residents at Family Fun Nights and Founders Day celebrations for years. While helping him serve on several occasions, I always marveled at his energy and ease with children. Tom will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathies to his wife, Claudette, and his extended family.

Former Meijer Property: Most of you probably know the good news for this part of the Northland area. Huntington Bank will be repurposing the former Meijer store at 5555 Cleveland Avenue for office space for 1,600 employees with the anticipated addition of 1,000 more jobs by 2024. Huntington intends to “target $300 million in loans to low- to moderate-income neighborhoods over the next five years, focusing on the Linden and Northland areas.” This could represent a huge step in revitalizing the neighborhoods around us. This, Minerva Park’s new development, the possibility of another neighborhood school, and the plans that we have to evaluate some of our empty commercial properties – there are opportunities to turn our neighborhoods around that cannot be ignored.

Lakes: As was reported to you last month, to turn our attention to repairing the low flow pipe near the earthen dam, inspecting the pipe that connects the two lakes, and cleaning the rock dam, we significantly lowered the lakes. Our Village Engineer has examined the connector pipe and found there may need to be some repairs or perhaps replacement. As I write this Mayor’s Report, he has not completed his report, so there will be more about this later. The repairs to the low flow pipe have been completed, and the rock dam has been cleaned. As the lakes were lowered, the level was monitored constantly in compliance with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ instructions. The aerators stayed on so we could provide a source of oxygen for the fish.

Veterans Memorial: The footer has been poured and framed. The memorial is being engraved, but electrical work still needs to be done. If you are interested in purchasing pavers, please contact resident Harry Toy at 614-890-0141. To date, more than 200 pavers have been sold – well done, Mr. Toy.

In closing, I must say this has been a busy and eventful year. We have seen some amazing changes to our Village already because of the new development. There is so much more to anticipate, manage, and plan. We are all up to the task. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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.

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.

**Finance**, John Michels, 
imichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026. No report submitted.

**Streets**, Michael Braun, 
mabraun@minervapark.org or 614-406-3758. No report submitted.

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

- **9.... 1:29p**, 2800 blk Maplewood Dr, theft reported
- **27.. 6:44p**, St.Rt. 161 & Westerville Rd, property found

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**1 Hour Free Consultation**
Minerva Park Police recently hired an additional full-time officer, Jeremy Doran. Please join us in welcoming Officer Doran to our Village! Minerva Park Police Department is on Twitter (twitter.com/Minerva_ParkPD) and Facebook (facebook.com/minervapark.7), so be sure to join so you don’t miss our informative posts.

Many residents have requested the ability to receive community information and emergency alerts from the police officers, so we have created a Nixle account, free for residents and businesses in the Village. Go to nixle.com for more information and sign up to receive alerts by email or text.

Minerva Park Police Department is sponsoring a Christmas food, clothing, and toy drive, this year partnering with Volunteers of America to support families and U.S. military veterans in need. We will accept donations at the Community Building through Friday, Dec. 16. On Friday, Dec. 9, we will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., offering cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee to people who donate items during that time as a way of saying “thank you” for your generosity. Please see the suggested list of items for donations.

We wish you and your family a safe and festive holiday season!

**Personal Care Items**
- Disposable razors
- Shaving Cream
- Non-aerosol deodorant
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Combs
- Toothbrushes and paste
- Body lotion
- Laundry detergent
- Feminine products

**Cleaning Supplies**
- Trash can
- Broom
- Dust Pan
- Dishwashing liquid
- Shower curtain & rings
- All-purpose cleaner
- Kitchen sponges
- Paper towels
- Hand soap
- Toilet paper

**Household Items**
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Twin sheets, blankets

**Clothing (men, women, children)**
- Socks
- Underwear
- Undershirts
- Winter coats, hats, gloves

**For Children**
- Books
- Toys
- School supplies
- Backpacks
- Diapers

**Food Pantry**
- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna & canned meat
- Canned or dried beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids (nuts, etc.)
- Low-sugar cereals
- 100% fruit juices
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Dried fruit
- Canned vegetables (low salt)
- Honey
- Jelly, jam
- Powdered milk
- Applesauce
- Rice, rice mixes
- Canned & dry pasta
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Flour
- Infant formula
- Baby food vegetables & fruit
- Household items (toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers)

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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, December 14, 5p

Please ... NO PARKING on MP Streets ...
... before, during, and after snowfalls. Snowplows do a cleaner, better job of clearing our roads when vehicles are pulled into driveways.