We’re in a Mid-Life Crisis

By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

Face it, most houses in Minerva Park are in their 50s and 60s, and like many of us - some parts are wearing out.

• Exterior trim may be beyond painting and may need to be totally replaced.

• All roofs have been replaced at once and most twice, and soon a third time will need to be considered. Roofs receive a lot of attention when they fail, because water running inside, doing considerable damage, gets a lot of attention.

• Exterior components frequently do not receive as much attention. We all need to look at trim above windows and doors, rake boards along the sloped gable ends, the condition of windows and doors themselves. Don’t forget gutters and the facia board behind them.

• Paint to house is like a shirt to us. It protects against the wind and rain away and hides the ugly. Old shirts, like peeling paint, need to be replaced.

• The past warm and humid summer also took its toll on our houses in the form of mold and algae growing on the exterior of houses. Vinyl siding seems to be the worst but also the easiest to clean. Pressure washers usually work wonders to remove rather ugly stains, but so does a brush and a hose. I encourage you to look at the exterior of your house again, for the first time.

• This warm winter has been very hard on paving. The many more freeze-thaw cycles experienced this winter caused much damage. Many Minerva Park driveways are showing their age with deteriorating surfaces and worse. Replacing driveways is expensive but something that must be done.

• Don’t forget mailboxes, fences, and landscaping. All need attention. All are older, bigger, and need to be maintained.

When ready to do an improvement, I recommend you contact the Village Zoning Clerk at lroblin@minervapark.org or Code Enforcement Officer at sdoellinger@minervapark.org before construction begins to see if a permit is needed. Franklin County requires a building permit for window, door, roof replacements.

The permitting process begins with obtaining a Property Improvement Notice, free of charge, from the Village. This form is needed before Franklin County will issue a building permit.

Email, call, or stop me as I drive the Village each week. I work for you, and I want to help.

Scott Doellinger, 614-882-5743
sdoellinger@minervapark.org

MAY DATES

2 (6:30a-7:30p) ............ GO VOTE!
3 (7p) ............... Planning & Zoning
3 (8a) ............... Mayor’s Court
6 (8a) ............... Council Work Session
8 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
10 (7p) ............... MPCA Meeting
13 (10a-2p) ............... Shredding
15 (7p) ............... Coffee with Council
17 (8a) ............... Mayor’s Court
17 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
20 (9a) ............... StRt 161 Clean-up
22 (7p) ............... Council Meeting

MP Garage Sale
May 20
Registration form on pg 4
It’s a WIN-WIN! You save on common products and Hawthorne earns money toward its fundraiser. When you buy products with this logo on the top, just tear it off and turn them in to Donna Kopecky, 614-678-9889, donnaloo.09@gmail.com. Each box top translates into 10¢ for Hawthorne School. So far, it has collected more than $800 toward its $1,000 goal to help fund class trips, school supplies, and equipment not in the budget. Learn more, download discount coupons, and view the complete list of participating products at boxtops4education.com. Baking & bakeware, cereal, food storage, frozen, household cleaning, meals & sides, paper products, product, refrigerated & dairy, school & office supplies, snacks & juices, tableware, waste bags.

Awards Banquet

By Dani Wolf

The Northland Community Council held its annual Volunteer Awards Dinner on April 12 at Little Turtle Country Club. MPCA nominees included Bob Gale and Lisa Thitoff, for their tireless efforts on the MinervaFlora Committee in addition to all of the other work they do for the Village. Their efforts ensure our Village looks beautiful year ’round. Dick Busick was honored for his contributions as MPCA Treasurer for more than 10 years. Dick is truly an asset to our Village, and we thank him for his work as Treasurer and beyond. MPCA Secretary Jean McCall also was honored. Jean works tirelessly well beyond the role of Secretary to make sure our meetings and events run well and everything gets done.

Jean, Lisa, Bob, and Dick are truly valued members of our community, and it was my pleasure to recognize their hard work.

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 May 31.

Minerva Flora News

MP Garden Tour July 9

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 Bob Gale at 614-560-0452.

Community Garden Plots

A few community garden plots are still available. Rent 10’ x 10’ for the growing season, $25. Call Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 614-891-2166 to learn more.

By Donna Kopecky
MPCA President

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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Lynn Eisentrout

**Pool:** With Opening Day, May 27, quickly approaching, we are working diligently to have the pool spruced up and ready for our members and guests. With the passing of our dear friend and long-time maintenance person Tom Shannon, we have hired a company to open, paint, and close the pool. We collected about $5,000 at our Discount Pool membership sale on April 2. Please visit minervapark.org/pool to access a membership form. See you at the pool this summer.

**Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony:** Harry Toy, Kent Stanley, and I met to continue planning the dedication of the Veterans Memorial, to be held on Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at the Community Building. The veterans who wish to participate in or attend our ceremony have asked that we not schedule this on Memorial Day weekend because they have already committed to participate in other ceremonies and parades.

**Entrance Markers:** What is happening with the entrance markers that were damaged by the collision several weeks ago? Lakewood Drive resident Robert Pildner, who has masonry experience, has hauled all of the remnants to his home and has graciously offered to repair the entrance markers. We will be pursuing the driver(s) of the vehicle(s) involved and their insurance companies to cover any costs incurred. Landscaping these beds may prove to be a challenge this year with the ongoing repairs, but we will do our best.

There was another accident at Wildwood Road and Cleveland Avenue that damaged a fire hydrant, and efforts to recover those repair costs also are being pursued.

**Concrete and Street Work:** I have put some finishing touches on the planning for some concrete work to be done throughout the Village. Catch basins at Woodley and Wildwood and Lakewood and Maplewood will be raised or replaced, the alley at Maplewood will be repaved, and new concrete will be poured around the flag pole (this last item at no charge). This work should all be completed by April 25, depending upon the weather.

Kudos to Mike Yoli, owner of Kurguz Paving, for being so generous with his time working with me at these sites, especially at the flag pole area, to tidy it up for the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony.

**Earthen Dam:** We have received our Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ (ODNR) letter of approval of the plans to remediate the dam. We, that is ERC (contractor), EMH&T (the engineer responsible for submittal reviews and on-call technical assistance), M/I Homes (construction manager and construction administration), GCI (engineer responsible for daily inspection, compaction testing, concrete testing, daily reports, weekly reports, certifying that the completed dam was built to contract documents), our Legal Counsel, and I have been gearing up for a preconstruction meeting in late April to begin this project possibly the beginning of May. How are we ensuring oversight during the project and protecting the Village’s interests? GCI’s daily and weekly reports will be submitted to ODNR each week for ODNR’s review. At the end of the project, GCI must certify to ODNR that the dam was built according to the requirements of the contract documents. I will have more information after our preconstruction meeting. Watch for flyers and/or Facebook postings about the dam construction schedule.

**Housing Development Construction Schedule:** A resident shared with me that a crew had been working on Easter Sunday and after 7 p.m. two days later. I emailed our M/I Homes liaisons and immediately received a response that “We’re on it!” and they were. They have spoken to all crew chiefs, salespeople, and posted the hours to be worked: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any further problems. M/I Homes does not want to disturb our residents any more than is necessary and are very responsive to our concerns and suggestions.

**Council Committee Reports**

**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.
Emergency
Notifications

By Chief Kim Nuesse,
MP Police Department

Residents, sign up at nixle.com to receive community information and emergency alerts from MP police officers (free for residents and businesses in the Village).

NO unauthorized sales please because this event is a fundraiser for your Community Association, and it’s not fair to other residents who do contribute.

Please NO food or drink sales
This is also a fundraiser for our own Emergency Squad.

Please direct people to the Community Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked goods. No food or drink sales or give-aways at residences, please.

MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

May 20 - 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 after May 13) 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. ... or register online at mympca.org.

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 (614-895-0465), if you would like to help with packet creation and distribution, or advertising.

Registration deadline - May 13. Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2017 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. I will submit 10% of my proceeds that afternoon.

I’m registering now for the May 20 garage sale.

May 20
161 Clean-Up
Meet at the Sharon Woods Center, 1792 E. Dublin-Granville Rd, on Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m. to spruce up StRt 161. Bags, gloves, safety vest, and pick-up tools are provided. Wear bright clothing and sturdy footwear. Marco’s is donating pizza for 50 workers.

NC calendar of events at columbusncc.org/ncc-calendar.html

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March 2017
Beg balance Gen’l Fund .......... $404,989
Receipts.................. $333,092
Disbursements.............. ($186,122)
Ending balance............... $551,959

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Minerva Park’s Ballot

Below is a representation of the ballot you’ll see at the polls this election on Tuesday, May 2.

#1 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase) Franklin County Senior Services
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
A renewal of 1.3 mills and an increase of 0.45 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Franklin County for the purpose of the support of senior citizen services, including supporting the Franklin County Office on Aging which provides a system of home and community based care for Franklin County residents age 60 and older; services including but not limited to home delivered meals, personal care, respite care, homemaker, adult day health, transportation, emergency response, minor home repair, health promotion, caregiver support, information and referral, and care management at a rate not exceeding 1.75 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.175 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.
☐ for the tax levy
☐ against the tax levy

March - MP Police made 1 felony arrest and 1 misdemeanor arrest.
1.... 7:10p, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
8.... 8:18a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd, hit-skip reported
15... 7:28p, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
16... 12:25p, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
16... 8:07p, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
17... 1:29a, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
17... 11:25p, SR 161 at Farview Dr, OVI
21... 8:28p, 5200 blk Cleveland Ave, criminal damaging reported
23... 11:25a, 2700 blk Jordan Rd, domestic violence arrest
23... 11:25a, 2700 blk Jordan Rd, domestic violence arrest
29... 1:17a, SR 161 at Farview Dr, driving under suspension
31... 7:31p, Minerva Lake Rd at E Shore Dr, felony warrant on file
The MPCA is pleased to welcome Pam Park-Curry and Lesa Brugger as our new Welcome Team. While they get settled in, if you are a new resident or have a new neighbor, please contact them at ppcurry@columbus.rr.com or LesaBrugger@hotmail.com with the contact information so we can deliver an MPCA Welcome Bag.

Welcome

Sign Up Online

... to volunteer a few hours of service to your Village.

- Family Fun Night (at the pool on Jul 15) ... volunteersignup.org/LRBCK
- Children’s Halloween Party (Oct 28) ... volunteersignup.org/YRYMM

... or contact BettyAnn Zimmerman at 614-815-2257, bettyann@mympca.org

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 3 and 17, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 614-882-1408.

March 2017
Citation payments...................... 44
Village General Fund.............. $4,403
Computer Funds......................... $391
Remitted to the State........... $1,133
Columbus .............................. $39
Capital Recovery System....... $59
Total Court Receipts ......... $5,687

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May 2

Tuesday
6:30a to 7:30p
North Park Church of Christ
4938 Westerville Road
MP’s ballot on page 6

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Ads start at $15 - discount on 6-month contracts

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front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves
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signature and phone number. The Villager is online at
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Next deadline: Wednesday, May 17, 5p

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