Family Fun Night
July 15 • 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Minerva Park Pool
Join your neighbors at the annual Family Fun Night for only $3/person entry. Bring your family and your swimsuits for some good old-fashioned fun at the pool with the biggest ice cream sundae you ever saw for all to share, dive for coins and other toys in the annual pool coin toss, join in the hula hoop competition, have a picture with the Minerva Park monkey, visit our face painter, purchase raffle tickets for various local entertainment, and other fun events.

FOOD - Plan to buy supper at the pool, too! You know you don’t want to cook, so let the MPCA cook for you. There will be beer (bring proper ID) and a food tent, so you can enjoy fresh-off-the-grill hot dogs and hamburgers with your family.

RAFFLE - Bring some bills for purchasing food, beer, and/or raffle tickets. Raffle items include:
- 4 tour passes to Watershed Distillery
- Gift certificate for 2 to Cloak and Dagger
- 2 tickets for 2 admissions to the Funny Bone
- $50 gift card to the Cheesecake Factory
- Gift card to the Westerville Golf Center
- 4 family passes to the Columbus Museum of Art

VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Sign up to help at volunteersignup.org/LRBCK or email BettyAnn@mympca.org.

MP Garden Tour
July 9 • 1p-5p
Seven MP residential gardens and 2 public gardens are scheduled for the FREE annual garden tour sponsored by your MP Community Association.

For updates closer to the time of the event, visit mympca.org/Events, minervapark.org, or the MPCA Facebook page. Maps will be available the day of the event.

Tour participants are:
- 2690 Lakewood Dr.
- Lakewood & Maplewood Drives, the Mary Yost Garden, a public garden
- 3071 Minerva Lake Rd.
- 2749 Minerva Lake Rd.
- Minerva Lake Rd. & Farview, a community garden
- 2681 Maplewood Dr.
- Black Sycamore, the M/I Homes model home
- 2626 Wildwood Rd.
- 2631 Wildwood Rd.

Public Meeting
July 10 - 6:30p
Community Building
Proposed 2018 Tax Budget
Council will vote on the budget at the July 10 Council Meeting. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

July Dates
5 (8a) Mayor’s Court
5 (7p) Planning & Zoning
8 (8a) Council Work Session
10 (6:30) 2018 Tax Budget
10 (7p) Council Meeting
12 (7p) MPCA Meeting
15 (7p-9p) Family Fun Night
17 (7p) Coffee with Council
19 (8a) Mayor’s Court
19 (5p) Villager Deadline
24 (7p) Council Meeting

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Water Flows Downhill

By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

What an obvious statement! Until a yard floods or a garage floor is covered in an inch or two of water.

Humans have been dealing with water from the beginning of time. Most rainwater soaks into the ground, recharging groundwater and not presenting a problem on the land’s surface. When rain occurs quickly and heavily or on saturated soils that cannot absorb additional water, surface storm water begins to flow or just build up and stand.

Established legal precedent states that one property owner cannot refuse to accept storm water naturally occurring from an adjacent property owner. Another word, do not build a dam to block storm water from flowing into your property. Similarly, you can pass on the water flowing onto your yard to the next property owner downhill.

Minerva Park and area had naturally established surface water flow whereby storm water flowed eastward into Alum Creek. When humans altered the topography and built houses and other improvements, these flows were altered and damaged, causing flooding at times.

The presence of flowing or standing storm water in one’s yard during heavy rainfall is normal and should be expected. What should not be accepted is standing water or flowing water of such quantity or velocity that damage occurs. This easily can be seen in an area where grass cannot grow, or where erosion is causing the washing-out soil, or where plants or structures are being flooded.

Another legal precedent in Village ordinance 1466.01 requires that “no grade be higher or lower than the natural drainage grade and all grades must conform to the grade of one’s neighbors or of adjoining lots, as designated by the building inspector.” This means, the grade of the yard may be raised or lowered but must meet the grade of the adjacent land parcel and cannot block the natural flow of water.

The phrase “natural drainage and natural flow” occurs in legal precedent and Village ordinances. It refers to water flowing in a manner similar to the flow of water before human activity intervened. Water collected by gutters and then directed through a downspout leader is not a natural flow and may not be directed onto another parcel of land. It may be directed into a curb, gutter, street, or storm drain. Installation of a pipe to convey water naturally flowing onto a property, across that property, and then onto the next property is permitted.

The best policy is to talk to the uphill and downhill neighbor before altering grades or water courses.
2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.: On June 4, residents attended a public meeting to learn about the Village’s purchase of 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Road. The Village administrative offices and the MP Police Dept. would relocate to that building … Council and resident meetings, Mayor’s Court, and other activities, would be held there, etc. And income-producing tenants would round out the occupancy.

The presentation and an audio of that meeting are uploaded to the website, minervapark.org, along with the financials and legislation. Here are some key takeaways from that meeting.

1. This information has been available on the website since the February 27 Council work packet was posted (minervapark.org/#packets). Indeed, Council and your Mayor have been working diligently for several months, giving due consideration to this purchase, investigating the feasibility and financials so as to make responsible decisions on your behalf as your elected officials, along with Legal, Fiscal, and the Village planner.

2. As was demonstrated at the June 4 meeting when some residents couldn’t get in because of the limited space and the Fire Code’s imposed maximum capacity of only 50 people, the current 2,688 sq.ft. Community Building (built in 1960) has outlived its originally intended purpose. It is no longer up to code, and it is not ADA compliant with the 1990 federal legislation. Even if these issues could be remediated, consideration must be given to the Village adding 250 homes, even further taxing the building’s ability to serve the residents for the next several decades.

3. Financing would be provided by selling bonds (minervapark.org/legislation/2017-13-2017_bonds.pdf). Tenants will provide a revenue stream of appx. $112,800 annually, helping to offset any costs of acquisition and/or maintenance.

4. As a comparison, construction costs for a new building of like kind - appx. 22,000 sq.ft. 3-story office building - would be between $4-$5 million, compared to the purchase price of the existing 1974 building at appx. $657,500 (less than the listed sale price) plus construction build-out costs of appx. $942,500.

Sewers: Right before this July issue went to press, we received information about work on the next section of Village sewers, so I’ll be able to report on that in the August issue.

Pool: If you haven’t visited the pool (minervapark.org/pool) yet this summer, it looks very nice. As of June 12, our revenue is at $22,381.

Earthen Dam Repair Project: Recent dam construction progress meetings were held on May 22, June 5, and June 19. The project is on schedule. Demolition began the week of June 12-19, starting with the walking path, pedestrian bridge, and the lake outlet structure. Beginning June 20 and continuing through mid-September, dam improvements will begin. September 13 is the tentative date for installing the new pedestrian bridge and September 14-18 for the new walking path. During the June 5 meeting, I requested that No Construction Traffic signs be posted at the entrances of Minerva Lake Road at Cleveland Avenue and Minerva Lake Road at Westerville Road and to have the contractors use the Farview ingress.

Lakes: I have been asked what is going to happen with our lakes. They are not very attractive now and will remain so until they naturally fill this fall with the completion of the dam repairs.

Our Village Engineer has brought us an interesting alternative to dredging or excavating, a lake management program. While we don’t have all the details yet, this would be a more holistic approach to the lakes, shoreline, and plant and aquatic life. This may or may not be a good fit and may be more long-lasting than dredging, but I like what I am hearing thus far. I will be sharing information as we receive it.

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that some of the new medics have expressed interest in becoming In-Charge Medics. This is good because then more crews can be created and they can be in service more frequently. A new billing company is being considered, and a presentation will be made at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse reported that there is one officer candidate being considered, and two others were interviewed and are awaiting results of their background checks. She reported about the installation of speed signs on Minerva Lake Road and Alder Vista, as well as some NO PARKING signs. A stop sign was removed on Ponderosa per the

If you have questions about information provided here, please call Fiscal Officer Kim Pulley at 614-882-5743.

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traffic engineer’s recommendation and installed on the Ponderosa Court side. The Police Department will be contacting the School District about relocating that bus stop because it’s location could be unsafe for the children. The radar speed trailer has been placed on Alder Vista Drive and Minerva Lake Road between Farview and Westerville Road. Maplewood and Jordan Road will be next.

**Fiscal**: Fiscal Officer Kim Pulley reported that the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget will be on Monday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. There is an appropriation of $20,500 for repairs to the sewers in the Jordan Road area(s).

**Village Planner**: Planner Eric Fischer reported that he has processed 44 of the 55 permits for new construction. M/I Homes has nearly sold out of Phase I and has released 10 more lots in Phase II. The plat for Phase II will be presented to Planning and Zoning at its next meeting.

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

**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. 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/#packets. Hard copies are available at the Community Building. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Finance**, John Michels, jmichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026. View Village financials at minervapark.org/fiscal.

**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.

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Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are July 5 and 19, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 614-882-1408.

May 2017

Citation payments............... 21
Village General Fund......... $1,134
Computer Funds............... $216
Remitted to the State........ $525
Columbus .......................... $21
Capital Recovery System ...... $89
Total Court Receipts .......... $2,869

Medic Report

May 2017

Medic 119 made 18 runs - 4 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park, with 11 patients transported to local hospitals.

21 members served a total of 341.3 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 915.5 hours.

Leading staff for the month were Tom Balliett (38.8 hours), Ambrose Wu (37 hours), Tim Lockard (34.5 hours).

Coffee with Council

Residents are invited ...

Monday, July 17
7:00p Community Building
to have “Coffee with Council.”
This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

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• **Family Fun Night** (at the pool on Jul 15) ... volunteersignup.org/ LRBCK

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Save the Date

• Wine & Cheese at the Pool - Aug 19
• MP Garage Sale 2 - Sep 16

Advertise in the Villager ... 899-3755
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MPCA website - mympca.org
MPCA Facebook - facebook.com/groups/26403899150/
Village website - minervapark.org

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, July 12, 5p

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