Time to Cut It Out!

By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

The sun has been out, the rain has been plentiful, and the plants are growing! And growing and growing.

It is always time to properly maintain and groom your property, but plants growing in the right-of-way (RoW) along the Village streets and over the pavement are especially problematic. They reduce the usable width of the street, forcing cars, bicycles, and pedestrians further out toward the center of the pavement, in turn making the street less safe. And note, it is both dangerous and illegal to obscure street signs.

Most streets are 22' wide in a 50’ RoW, leaving a 13- to 14-foot strip of land alongside the road that is not part of the house lot. This RoW area can be used by the residents and must be maintained by the property owner, i.e., improvements placed on it, including landscaping, are regulated by Village ordinance.

Village ordinance 1278.08(b)(3) requires tree limbs extending over the street to not interfere with traffic. The maximum height for a vehicle on the road is 13’6”, requiring trees to be trimmed above that height.

Most of the offending plants are bushes and shrubs planted too close to the street that are now growing over the street. That cute little evergreen will become a 30’ mighty pine, and the flowering bush 12’ high will become a flowering beauty 6’ wide.

At a minimum, plants must be trimmed back to not hang over the street and ideally should be removed or transplanted back to prevent the reoccurrence and the necessity to continually trim.

I encourage all property owners in the Village to contact the Code Enforcement Officer before planting any tree and any other landscaping material with the potential to grow into the street.

Now, it’s really time to cut it out!
Scott Doellinger, 614-882-5743

Special Election
Tuesday, Aug 8

By Councilman John Michels, Finance Chair

On Tuesday, Aug 8, Minerva Park will have a special election to RENEW a longstanding 5-mill property tax levy that is expiring. Similar to recent ballot levies, this is NOT AN INCREASE to your tax bill, but the Village is required periodically to place its property levies before voters to re-approve. The General Fund revenues generated by renewing this levy - estimated by the Board of Elections at $169,181.10 annually - would be used for various vital operating services for residents: public safety, code enforcement, engineering, parks, pool, etc.

Finance Report continued on pg 4. Review the Mayor’s Report on pg 3 for additional information about this, the sewer project, and the purchase of 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. MP’s Ballot on pg 6.
MPCA News

Officer Elections for 2018

Community Association officer elections will take place at the September 13 meeting, 7p. Open officer positions include treasurer and vice president. I would love to talk to anyone that may be interested and answer any questions about the roles or the organization. We would love to see some new (or old!) faces on the team. Please email me if you would like to meet. We would love to have someone chair the Garage Sale Committee. Duties include organizing garage sales, tallying registrations, updating the map, making and distributing packets, placing advertising, and collecting revenue. We would love help with the directory and the website, as well as a volunteer coordinator to help connect with volunteers.

Our community is growing and changing, and the MPCA will be as well. We hope to add new events to traditional events, or bring back events we haven’t held in a while, but we can’t do that without your help. We love to have residents attend the meetings, we love hearing the new ideas, and most importantly we need folks to be able to commit to executing those ideas. I look forward to hearing from you!

MPCA President Dani Wolf

Duck Award

2017

The 2017 Duck Award, recognizing outstanding volunteerism for the Village, is being awarded to Jean McCall. Jean took on the task of redesigning the resident directory, updating the cover and the information inside. Jean helped to modernize the process and organized printing and distribution of the directory. She did a great job, all on top of her efforts as MPCA secretary, Garage Sale co-chair, and overall wonderful volunteer. I’d like to thank Jean for her efforts. The MPCA would be lost without her!

MPCA President Dani Wolf

Wine & Cheese

August 19 • 8p-11p
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 available for $5 per person. Drinks by moonlight, and maybe a swim. Sounds like a great evening!

Underwritten by $20/$21 MPCA dues

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night 2017 was a true family fun-filled night and successful fundraiser! Villagers came out in full support of this annual event. It was a perfect day for a pool party with fluffy white clouds in a blue sky, as folks enjoyed ice cream sundaes and purchased beer and food prepared by our local MP resident, French chef Yves, with his beautiful wife Geraldine by his side serving food most of the evening. Face painter Cristol

Continued on pg 6.
July has been a lively month.

**Five Mill Renewal Levy:** On Tuesday, Aug 8, residents will be asked to renew a 5.0 mill levy that is expiring (at the North Park Church of Christ, 4938 Westerville Road). It will generate approximately $169,181.10. This will not result in an increase in your taxes. This levy continues the previous expiring levy that assesses $.05 per $100.00 home valuation, and is important to our General Fund expenses, providing for general operating expenses of the Village. I understand there is frustration and anger about other issues, so I am asking that you separate the subject matters and consider them independently. This is a significant amount of money that goes to the General Fund for safety services; management of the pool, parks, and the playground; code enforcement; engineering and legal services; and planning and development services. At the annual public hearing on July 10 to present the proposed 2018 tax budget to the residents, Minerva Park officials answered residents’ questions. If you were unable to attend the meeting and have questions, you may access the Village finances at minervapark.org/fiscal or contact any Council member or me.

**Dam Project:** The dam project is pretty much on schedule despite the weather. With the stone being laid and the grass growing, its appearance already has improved.

**M/I Homes Development:** The M/I Homes development is moving along nicely. In fact, we hope to see two families become our new neighbors by the end of July.

**2999 E. Dublin-Granville Road:** There has been quite a bit of angst about the potential purchase of the building at 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Road. Two petitions were circulated by residents to place a referendum on the November ballot to allow the residents to vote on the purchase of the building. The petitions have been delivered to the Board of Elections, and we are awaiting the Board of Elections’ decision to certify the signatures as I write this report to you. I invite you to learn more about this at minervapark.org, where there is an explanation, an audio and presentation of the June 4 public meeting, and several exhibits. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

**Sewers:** The sewer issues for the Jordan Road, Park Lane Drive, and Park Lane Court areas are being addressed. The following bid schedule was finalized on July 21. Similar to what the Village has done for the dam project, links at minervapark.org/sewers will provide the scope of work, schedules, and any progress reports.

- Jul 25 - Project advertising submitted to the Daily Reporter.
- Jul 31, Aug 7, Aug 14 - ORC-required advertising of the project for three consecutive weeks.
- Aug 22 - Bids received by noon will be opened and read aloud.
- Aug 23-25 - Bid documents reviewed.

**Veterans Memorial Dedication:** It finally happened June 25, after the July issue of the Villager newsletter had gone to press. Harry Toy was very pleased that his tireless efforts came to fruition. Thank you, Mr. Toy, for your dedication to our veterans. Thank you to Wildwood Road resident Pete Hobstetter for acting as our Master of Ceremonies … great job! And to Charlie Nuesse who sang some patriotic and memorable

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**MAYOR’S OFFICE HOURS**

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
Tu – 4p-6p  
W, F – 8a-noon  
Th – by appt

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**Village Financials**

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

**June 2017**

Beg balance Gen’l Fund .......... $608,593  
Receipts ................................ $128,102  
Disbursements ......................... ($177,221)  
Ending balance ...................... $559,474
songs that she composed – she has such a beautiful voice! It was a lovely day, and we had a nice turnout. A gorgeous cake was donated by Le Chatelain. I want to express my appreciation to the MP Community Association for donating beverages and to Lesa Brugger for taking time out of her busy schedule to help serve the cake and beverages. If you wish to purchase a commemorative paver, please contact Harry Toy at 614-890-0141.

Other Items - Councilman Brian Wolf is developing a Village of Minerva Park Facebook page. Given all of the activity on the MP Community Association’s Facebook page that seems to be government-related, it only seems fair that we should have our own. We are also forming an ad hoc Communications Committee to address IT issues, social media, and website-related. Stay tuned for more information.

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.

Finance, John Michels, jmichels@minervapark.org or 614-273-9026. My committee report begins on pg 1, continued here:

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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.

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Friday, August 25th 6-11pm & Saturday, August 26th 5-11pm

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Saturday: August 19th 9am–3pm

*Rumage sale will be held in school gym accessible by the back parking lot of the facility.

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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.
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).
Save the Date

- Aug 5 - 161 Clean-up. Meet at 9a the Sharon Woods Center, 1792 E. Dublin-Granville Road. All ages welcome. Breakfast provided.
- Aug 26 - Minerva Park Book Club meets at 7p, reading "Where'd You Go, Bernadette." Email jennylinmph@gmail.com or call 614-330-2667 for location or to be notified of future book clubs.

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Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are August 2 & 16, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 614-882-1408.

June 2017
Citation payments .................. 23
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Columbus ......................... $23
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VOTERS EDITION

August 8
Tuesday
6:30a to 7:30p
North Park Church of Christ
4938 Westerville Road
pg 1 - Finance Report
pg 3 - Mayor’s Report - renewal levy, sewer project, and purchase of 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.
pg 6 - MP’s ballot

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