

VILLAGE UPDATE



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Mayor's Report

by Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

Well, we can only hope that spring will be here soon. I love winter. The Village is stunning when it snows but we all have probably had about enough. Kudos to the Blendon Township road crews and the great job they did keeping our streets clear, helped by residents moving their cars off the streets and into driveways.

Code Enforcement Officer - I have accepted Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger's resignation as of March 3. He is retiring to complete ongoing projects, continue his full-time job as an architect, and of course pursue his Boy Scout activities. I have come to value his counsel as an architect and will miss that. We wish him well.

Jayson Wickard was hired on March 5 to replace Scott. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position as a certified property inspector, former zoning inspector, and the Interim Director of the Zoning Department for the City of Fostoria. We will have his photo and a short bio in next month's Village Update. Jayson will be out and about to catch up on some code violations and to introduce himself to residents.

Pedestrian Path - Once the asphalt plants open, usually late March or April, new asphalt will be laid. We still have three lights out along the path. I have contacted AEP and generated work order tickets to track progress. It took five months to have the North Bay street light fixed.

Lakes - There have been some comments about the yellow trash barrier. The bright color is for safety reasons. For example, if and when we have boaters on the lake at dusk, the bright color will alert them to stay away. They won't be able to miss it. This is our solution for now to manage debris floating toward our dam.

Now what about the lakes and the ongoing discussions of dredging them? Our Village Engineer has been consulting with his colleagues well-versed in remediating lakes

such as ours. After much discussion, their recommendation was to dredge the lakes instead of taking a more conservative approach. That was all I needed to hear to move forward. What about the debris and trash floating down the ravine from the City of Columbus? If we dredge as we did in 1999 and do not resolve this, we'll face the same issues 15-20 years from now. That's unacceptable and, quite frankly, a waste of money. So, meetings with Columbus to discuss their contributions to our ravine mess and finding the funding for dredging are next steps. I am not making any promises, just that I hope to be able to concentrate on this large but very important project with favorable results.

Pool - Work continues to promote our municipal pool, and we all look forward to opening day. The Community Committee should have recommendations for membership fees, guest fees, and pool rental fees this month – should they be increased, decreased, or remain the same. This decision is important, so we can market the pool to surrounding neighborhoods and send approved materials home with students as we have in past years.

Loose Dogs - With the anticipated warmer weather, please be mindful to keep your dogs under control. We want everyone to feel safe. We are a very active Village with many children, walkers, runners, and cyclists enjoying the weather. Let's all do our part and be responsible pet owners.

Wildlife - Be mindful of letting small pets out unsupervised at the dawn and dusk hours or, for that matter, anytime. Foxes, hawks, and owls, to name just a few local predators, are simply trying to survive.

Government Facebook Page - I just wanted to remind everyone about the Village Facebook page: [facebook.com/VillageMinervaPark](https://www.facebook.com/VillageMinervaPark). We are live-streaming



Council meetings, and it seems to be working out well. The page itself is a work in progress. Additionally, we are fine-tuning the streaming by acquiring microphones to improve the quality of the audio.

As always, let us know if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. •

Kick-Off Meeting

By Diane Schrimpf,
Finance Committee Chair

Future of the Community Building and Facility Needs

Community Building

Sunday, Apr 8, noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Many residents expressed a desire to be involved in discussions about building needs in the Village. We are preparing to form a committee to dig in and come up with a master plan. First, want and need to hear the ideas and concerns of the community. Two meeting dates and times are scheduled to give as many people as possible an opportunity to participate. This is also an opportunity to meet other residents. Councilmember Diane Schrimpf will be facilitating the meetings – which will be conducted as an informal “workshop” where residents will work together in small groups to discuss ideas. We think it is possible other areas such as the lakes, green space or creation of a Charter Village might come up during our workshop. We will “park” those ideas to share with Council. At the workshops we will have forms for residents to complete if they would like to be on a committee or would like to share expertise, or participate in future discussions about topics of interest.

Please email dshrimpf@minervapark.org with comments or suggestions. I also try to follow Village government and Community Association Facebook pages. •



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Medic Report - Jan

Medic 119 made 37 runs, none into Minerva Park, with 14 patients transported to local hospitals.

13 members served a total of 271 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 271 hours. Leading staff for the month were Justin Chamberlain (55 hours), Garin Conway (54.5 hours), Michael Behrendt (26 hours), and Jonathan Marsh (26 hours).

Mayor's Court - Jan

The next sessions of Mayor's Court, Mar 7 & 21, are open to the public. Call 614-882-1408 with questions.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Citation payments, Village General Fund, Computer Funds, Remitted to the State, Columbus, Capital Recovery System, Total Court Receipts.

Police Report - Jan

There were no arrests.

- 6 11:44a, 5200 blk Westbridge Rd, unauthorized use of credit card
7..... 4:25a, 2999 E Dub-Gran, receiving stolen property
8 12:10p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd, abduction reported
8 6p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr, theft reported
9 8:20a, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd, recovered stolen vehicle
15 12:30p, Minerva Lake Rd at E Shore Dr, non-injury traffic crash

- 22 ...9:35p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, disorderly conduct, fighting, threatening
23 ...1:21p, 5460 Cleveland Ave, trespassing
30 ...8:57p, Cleveland Ave at Maplewood Dr, drug possession

Fiscal - Dec

View financials at minervapark.org/fiscal. Call Fiscal Officer Kim Pulley at 614-882-5743 with questions.

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Village Legislation

By Jennifer Pauken, Legislation Chair
Follow-up questions regarding codification of Village ordinances have been submitted to the vendor. The next step will be to schedule a conference call to address any lingering issues. We are also in the process of setting up a meeting of the Village's records commission where we will review our records retention schedule; the date of that meeting will be posted on the Village website. A revision to Section 452.14 dealing with parking

during snowfalls will be discussed further at the February legislative committee.

Legislation from January 22 through February 12 includes:

- 2018-02 - Updating the Village Fee Schedule, Two readings, passed as an emergency
2018-03 - Pool Fees, First reading
2018-04 - Police Vehicle Equipment, First reading
2018-05 - Rules of Council Revision, First reading
01-2018 - Technical Correction to 12-2017, Second Reading
02-2018 - Establishing a Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund, One reading, passed as an emergency

The next legislative committee meeting will be March 26 at 6:30 p.m. This is a standing meeting that will occur each month before the second regular council meeting, and residents are welcome to attend.

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 at minervapark.org. Hard copies are always available at the Community Building.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at jpauken@minervapark.org or 614-891-5880.

Village Calendar

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