

VILLAGE UPDATE



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Mayor's Report

by Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

We have started the new year with four new Council members: Beth Bellomy (appointed to fulfill a vacancy), Tony Benedetti, Tiffany Hughes, and Diane Schrimpf. Congratulations to Jennifer Pauken on her re-election and for being elected as Council President for 2018. They join Michael Braun to complete the full complement of Council. The new members are energetic, showing quite a lot of initiative and eager to learn the duties of the committees that were assigned to them. Each new Council member has been asked to provide us with a bio and a picture for minervapark.org/council. I hope you will attend the Council meetings and acquaint yourselves with your elected officials.

Sewer Projects - The sanitary sewer projects, i.e., televising, repairing, and inspecting sewer lines and manholes, are moving along. To view the 2016 and 2017 CCTV Inspection Analysis reports and the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project at minervapark.org/sewers or just click on the sewer lid on the home page, right menu. For residents without computer access, hard copies are available.

The East Shore Court project is a storm sewer repair project. The storm sewer pipe was clogged with what I can only describe as a giant root ball and could not be televised through the entire line. We performed what is called "point repairs," excavated certain areas, repaired and cleaned until flow was returned. Because of so many trees, this area clogged again and was cleaned again. It is time to resolve this problem once and for all. To that end, our Village Engineer "has started to put together a proposal for engineering services for designing and

inspecting a storm sewer replacement project at East Shore Court." An estimated price for this project is about \$30,000.

Dam and Path - I know everyone is interested when the pedestrian bridge/path will be open. It's been difficult not being able to easily visit our neighbors "across the pond." As of mid-January, I was told the hatch for the outlet structure has been installed, but the leaking valve hasn't been repaired yet. The manufacturer's rep will be in the Village the week of January 17 to resolve this issue.

You may have noticed the yellow "tubes" on the dam. That is a trash barrier that will be installed (floating on the lake) once the valve is repaired. Paving the walking path is scheduled for April when the asphalt plants open.

Construction and Water Shutoff - A "T" in the waterline will be removed in the near future with a water shutdown that will affect 80 homes in the East Shore Drive, Kerrwood Drive, Ponderosa Drive, Berry Lane Court, East Shore Court, and North Lake Courts area. All construction will be limited to between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., with M/I Homes notifying residents before starting the work. A work schedule is forthcoming, and I will share it with you as soon as I receive it. The outage map can be found on the Village website at minervapark.org/golfcourse.

Streaming Meetings - Councilwoman Tiffany Hughes has been kind enough to stream our Council meetings on her cell phone to Facebook for several meetings. It is a great tool for residents who are unable to attend the meetings to watch the



Variance Request

**UPDATE - March 12
6:30 p.m.**

Community Building

Alex Stricker, 2749 Minerva Lake Rd, to allow a fence to be constructed with the supporting posts on the outside (facing away from the installer's house).

proceedings. The Village has ordered the necessary equipment to stream these meetings, and we awaiting installation and training, hopefully in time for the February 12 meeting.

Westerville City Schools - I was fortunate to have been asked to serve on the Westerville City School District's Facilities Planning Committee which met monthly in 2017. The committee is comprised of dedicated individuals who care deeply about the students and the schools. The purpose of this committee:

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS FACILITIES STUDY - The Westerville City School District is in the process of examining its school facilities and developing a 10-year plan to address identified needs. A community-led facilities committee recently issued a report to the Board of Education and encouraged the district to seek broader community input on its findings and recommendations. If you would like to learn more about the committee's recommendations, as well as share your thoughts and ideas about the future of our schools, please visit wvcs.org/timeschange.

The District will be conducting public with meetings with stakeholders, seeking input. Stay tuned for meeting dates, times, and locations or refer to

the link mentioned above.

RITA - I was once again elected as Secretary to the Regional Income Tax Agency's (RITA) Council of Governments. I will do my best to continue to represent the Village's interests.

Going Forward - Our Council members should be reporting about their committees on a regular basis in the Village Update starting next month. Three committees have already met (Finance, Legislative, Safety), and the chairpeople of two committees (Community, Service) have scheduled their meetings in February.

Stay warm and Happy Valentine's Day. •

Medic Report - Dec

Medic 119 made 23 runs - 3 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 0 into Minerva Park, with 11 patients transported to local hospitals.

12 members served a total of 233.2 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,367.4 hours. Leading staff for the month were Garin Conway (45 hours), Jeremy Lucin (37.4 hours), and Jonathan Marsh (21.8 hours).

Mayor's Court - Dec

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

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| Citation payments | 15 |
| Village General Fund. | \$1,865 |
| Computer Funds. | \$151 |
| Remitted to the State. | \$437 |
| Columbus | \$17 |
| Capital Recovery System | \$119 |
| Total Court Receipts. | \$2,437 |

Police Report - Dec

There were 2 misdemeanor arrests.

- 4.....3:17a, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr, disorderly conduct resulting in arrest
- 4.....1:13p, 4900 blk Farview Dr, criminal mischief reported
- 4.....8:13p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd, hit/skip reported

- 9.....3:36p, StRt 161 at Farview Rd, injury accident
- 12....6:44p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd, theft reported
- 15....8:48a, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr, abandoned animals
- 15....2:24p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd, criminal trespassing resulting in arrest
- 17....10:20a, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr, found property
- 20..11:27p, M/I Homes subdivision area, breaking & entering, felony theft
- 21....10:46a, 5200 blk E Shore Dr, felony theft reported
- 29..7:42p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd, domestic dispute

Council Vacancy

Following Russell Dobbins' resignation from Council, Beth Bellomy was appointed at the Jan Council meeting to complete his term.

Village Legislation

By Jennifer Pauken, Legislation Chair

As we begin another year, I look forward to working on the legislative committee with Michael Braun and Diane Schrimpf. The codification of Village ordinances is nearly complete, a process that will enable citizens to search for and access the most current ordinances online. A bound version of the ordinances will be available in the administrative offices as well.

Legislation from December 2017 through January 8, 2018 includes:

- 2017-35 – Ponderosa & Kerrwood Drive Intersection: Three readings, passed
- 2017-37 – Authorization to Purchase Pickup Truck: Three readings, passed
- 2017-39 – Lease of Police Vehicle: Three readings, passed
- 2017-40 – Rules of Council: Three readings, passed
- 2017-41 – Annual Contracts for 2018: Two readings, passed as emergency

2017-42 – Appointing Fiscal Officer as Public Records Designee: Three readings, passed

2018-01 – Appointment of AF as Police Officer: One reading, passed as emergency

29-2017 – Annual Appropriations: Three readings, passed

30-2017 – Salary Ranges and Positions: Three readings, passed

31-2017 – Health Care Plan: Three readings, passed

33-2017 – Property Maintenance Code: Three readings, passed

34-2017 – Supplemental Appropriations: One reading, passed

35-2017 – Accepting Public Improvements Phase II: One reading, passed as emergency

The next legislative committee meeting will be February 26 at 6p. 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.

Coffee with Council

The Feb 19 (7 p.m.) "Coffee with Council" will be devoted instead to a Council work session as Council works to identify and prioritize issues and projects facing the Village. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Village Calendar

minervapark.org/calendar

Council Member Profiles

More profiles at minervapark.org/council

Beth Bellomy

I'm a small town girl at heart, even though I've spent most of my life in the city. So, when our family began looking for a new home, I wished for a place with a small community feel, and was getting discouraged touring impersonal developments and neighborhoods. Then, I discovered a hidden gem, our Minerva Park. As I drove through the Village for the first time, I was enchanted by the lovely, distinct homes, the abundance of mature trees, and of course, our picturesque lakes. From the moment that I walked into what was to become our new home, I was smitten. So much so, that we purchased it on the spot! We were further assured that Minerva Park is a special place when there was a knock on our door, and there was a stranger, offering us a delicious home-baked treat. We took a break from our painting, chatting with her, and discovered that she was our next door neighbor. We were soon to meet other welcoming and helpful neighbors, the kind that will call you if you leave your garage door up, or will text you if they see a deer peering into your picture window. Minerva Park's long and fascinating history, natural beauty, and attractive properties drew us in, but it's the community spirit, genuine friendliness, and optimism of the residents that make us love our Village.

Professionally, for many years, I have had the privilege of providing support to persons with Autism. Effectively and consistently impacting clients is a team effort. Most of the time, it is a very large team, each with their own ideas and preferences. It is essential that we listen carefully to other opinions, practice empathy, and most of all, keep the goals of our client in sight. My education and training is at times intense and is always evolving as our community together discovers



new and promising pieces of the puzzle. This career is quite a change from my former one of representation of artists, and their products to individuals, galleries, and corporations. The interpersonal skills that I have developed have become invaluable to me when serving on church boards, volunteering in the inner-city with at-risk children, or supporting persons recovering from drug addiction.

On a personal note, I am married, and we have a daughter who is soon to enter grad school. My husband enjoys gardening, so resurrecting our garden to its former mid-century glory is a goal. Writing, music, and reading are some of my passions. We walk and bike our Village as often as possible, so I hope to get to know more of my neighbors, welcoming our new residents, and learning from our native Villagers.

Tiffany Hughes

I first want to start with saying thank you for everyone that voted for me, putting their trust in me to keep this Village moving forward!

I have been around the Village my entire life. My grandparents built their home on Jordan rd. in 1970. I come from an extremely close family considering I grew up within 1 mile from my grandparents and spent almost every day at their house. After my grandparents passed away my husband and I decided to keep this home in the family and continue to keep our 2 kids Taylor and Tanner in Westerville Schools. We took a long time remodeling the house the way we wanted it before we moved in.

I own and operate my own business as well as I am a real estate agent with Superior Homes Realty.

I love working with people and making a difference. I am looking forward to making a difference in the Village for years to come.



Diane Schrimpf

I started my first term as a Minerva Park Council Person at Large, January 2018.

Ohio natives, both my spouse (John) and I were born and raised in the greater Cleveland area, he from Euclid and me from Parma. All of my 5 siblings also live in Ohio. Business opportunity brought us to Columbus in 1983. We fell across Minerva Park by accident while house hunting in 1986. The mature trees and eclectic layout of the streets and variety of styles of houses really resonated with us. And here we remain 30 plus years later.

My business career took an eclectic path as well, working for a number of smaller for-profit businesses in the areas of operations including client services, product implementations and infrastructure project management. I enjoyed the challenges of working for entrepreneurial CEO's even though a few ended up in bankruptcy – lots of lessons learned and skills acquired. The opportunities to participate in every aspect of the business from strategic planning to sales and marketing to infrastructure and human resources were so valuable. Over the years I became particularly expert at implementing new business and new software solutions and this experience allowed me to obtain the certification Project Management Professional in 2007.

Retirement at the end of 2016 meant I could look for additional opportunities to give back to the community. In addition to council membership, I am a volunteer guardian for seniors since 2002 through the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging. My other passion is for nature and along with gardening and landscaping our home I continue to volunteer at Ohio nature preserves. •





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Snow on the Ground

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.



Addressing One's House

by Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

Some people refer to houses by their city or village. Others name their house, as in Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin house in Wisconsin. Humans label things so they can be easily identified and easily found.

This applies to houses in Minerva Park, too.

The recently passed ordinance 33-2017 requires houses to be labeled with the house address in 4" high Arabic numerals of contrasting color on the front of the structure, clearly visible from the street. This will allow EMS, Police, and Firefighters to quickly

locate your house, potentially saving one's life.

The USPS requires 1" high letters on mailboxes so the letter carrier can identify the corresponding mailbox.

I encourage all Village houses and other buildings comply, making Minerva Park a friendly, inviting, easily-understood community for all.

If for no other reason than friends finding you, consider the new newspaper carrier delivering the paper to the correct house and getting pizza delivered before it turns cold.

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