

# VILLAGE UPDATE



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## Mayor's Report

by Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

**Dam:** The dam project is completed. Some clean-up remained as of July 9, but I was promised that a crew would be taking care of all of it the following week. All lights on the path have been repaired.

**Police:** We received an equipment grant from Franklin County Homeland Security for two portable radios and a police car radio, with an approximate value of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

**Pool:** Revenue as of June 30 for this year is \$33,995, compared to \$34,158 as of June 30, 2017. Keep that hot weather coming.

**Lakes:** Russell Tree Service has us on their schedule to remove the dead trees from the North Lake and to clean up some of the dead and scrub trees on the shoreline. Hopefully, this will be done by August 1, as this work is weather-dependent.

I spoke to an ODNR agent about the plants still growing in the lake despite what they said about them dying off once the lakes filled. He said until they knew what kind of plants they were, it was hard to say what to do next, but in all likelihood, dredging the lakes will be the solution. I have decided to consult with Aqua Doc, the company treating the lakes, and may have a better answer and some action steps until we are in a position to dredge the lakes. I will let you know what I find out.

**M/I Homes Development:** If you have walked the new area, you would have noticed that business is brisk. As I write my report to you, we have approximately 80 new households (occupied homes) and 116 permitted houses. More have been sold and will be moving through the permitting process. Phases 5, 6, and 7 are being reviewed by the Village. It's hard to miss the activity at the Minerva Lake Road and East Shore Drive intersection. A new road going, and we are remediating a long-term flooding problem at the curve of Minerva Lake Road and East Shore going north. These projects are also weather-dependent, but they seem to

be on schedule so far.

**Survey:** We hope to have the results of the survey in about 8 weeks. Why so long? There is a lot of data to be compiled and organized in a way to be easily read and interpreted.

**Street Repairs:** Responding to residents' concerns about a damaged catch basin, the curb, and the gutter in front of 2865 Maplewood Drive, I received a proposal of \$2,200 for repairs. I also asked for a proposal to raise the catch basin on North Bay to help the flow of water during heavy rain fall. The cost for that project is \$1,000. This particular catch basin is one of the 3 at the curve of North Bay before turning onto Wildwood Road. I anticipate these projects to be finished before the end of the month. Be sure to read Councilwoman Hughes' Streets Committee report and updates about ongoing sewer work.

## Legislation Committee

By Jennifer Pauken, Legislation Chair

As noted below, the ordinance that would have resulted in placing on the ballot whether to form a charter commission failed after three readings. To pass, this ordinance required a 2/3 affirmative vote of council, or four "ayes." After a lengthy discussion, three council members voted for it: Michael Braun, Beth Bellomy, and me. Three voted against: Diane Schrimpf, Tiffany Hughes, Tony Benedetti.

During the last year and a half, I have heard—repeatedly and forcefully—that the Village needs a change and that residents want their voices heard. This ordinance was a step in that direction. Not only would a charter provide an opportunity for citizens to define the government structure that best meets their needs and the needs of the Village, having

a charter (in essence, our own constitution) offers legal benefits that non-charter municipalities do not have.

The council members who voted against the ordinance voiced a number of reasons for their opposition. First, there was the matter of timing in that the adoption of a charter (should the process have gone forward) would have coincided with the next mayoral election. This uncertainty could have been addressed through specific transition language in the charter, if it even were to propose something different from our current Mayor-Council structure at all. There also were concerns raised about residents' interest in and commitment to this process, given the relatively low number of people who attended the various informational meetings we've had during the last few weeks. This, of course, negates the involvement of those who were committed to the process without ever needing to attend a meeting. Those who expressed interest through their responses on the recent Village survey also were disregarded. Some council members even questioned residents' ability to understand and draft an effective charter.

It can be argued that those points speak to a lack of faith in the residents of Minerva Park. As we've long heard, attendance at meetings should not be the measure of people's interest in what's going on. The residents have asked us to make changes and have stressed that they want to be involved, want to have their voices heard.

This was a simple, efficient way to





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offer residents the opportunity to cast a vote concerning the future of the Village. Three council members—who, ironically, were ushered in on a wave of citizen activism—decided it best to rein in this effort.

Legislation from June 25 - July 23 follows:

9-2018 - Village Charter Commission - Three readings, failed.

10-2018 - Supplemental Appropriations - Two readings.

2018-13 - Tax Budget - Three readings, passed.

2018-15 - Cannon Agreement - One reading, passed as an emergency.

2018-16 - Confirming Appointment - One reading, passed as an emergency.

View enacted legislation at minervapark.org/legislation. Pending legislation is included in Council Meeting packets posted near the bottom of minervapark.org. Hard copies are always available at the Community Building.

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

Streets Committee

By Tiffany Hughes, Streets Chair

Storm Sewers: are being mapped the week of August 13. This of course is weather permitting. If the company gets delayed it will push us back.

Sanitary Sewers: Hoping by publication this is completed. We are being told mid to late July they should be out. This will give us

a better idea of the condition of the entire village sanitary sewer.

Have you had water in your basement? Not sure if it is an SOS or WIB? Need to know how to report it?

SSO - A sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) is any overflow, spill, release, discharge or diversion of untreated or partially treated wastewater from a sanitary sewer system.

WIB - Water in basement, wastewater that backs up into building that are caused by blockages or flow conditions in a sanitary sewer other than a building lateral. WIB does not include the backup of sewage caused by a blockage or other malfunction.

How to report an incident: You can visit minervapark.org/sewers where there is a button that says report an incident (available from the home page via the large SEWERS graphic or from the OF INTEREST menu dropdown). Or stop into the Community Building and request a form.

Please clean the grass clippings and debris from in front of your homes in the gutter area. These items are ending up in the sewers and likely causing more blockages. If you are cutting the grass into the street don't forget to clean it up!

The next Streets Committee meeting is scheduled for July 30.

Fiscal - Jun

View financials at minervapark.org/fiscal. Call Fiscal Officer Kim Pulley at 614-882-5743 with questions. Beg Balance Gen'l Fund . . . . \$616,656 Receipts . . . . . \$171,801 Disbursements . . . . . \$170,171 Ending Balance. . . . . \$618,286

Medic Report - Jun

Medic 119 made 42 runs, 3 into Minerva Park, with 22 patients transported to local hospitals.

14 members served a total of 382.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,673.8 hours. Leading staff for the month were Garin Conway (102.8 hours), Marissa Garner (64.3 hours), and Terry McSorley (43 hours). Minerva Park Runs:

- 6-8. . . . . Cardiac Arrest
6-19. . . . . Ill Person
6-27 . . . . . Chest Pains

Mayor's Court - Jun

The next sessions of Mayor's Court, Aug 1 and 15, are open to the public. Call 614-882-1408 with questions.

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

Police Report - Jun

- There was 1 misdemeanor arrest.
7.....12:01a, Econocam Motors, 5216 Cleveland Ave, arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, failure to provide identification
8 .....10:55p, 5298 Cleveland Ave, property impound
11.....4:34p, Great Value Storage, 5199 Westerville Rd, theft reported
15 ....4:20p, StRt 161 at Farview Rd, drug possession
28 ...6:05p, StRt 161 at Farview Rd, non-injury crash