

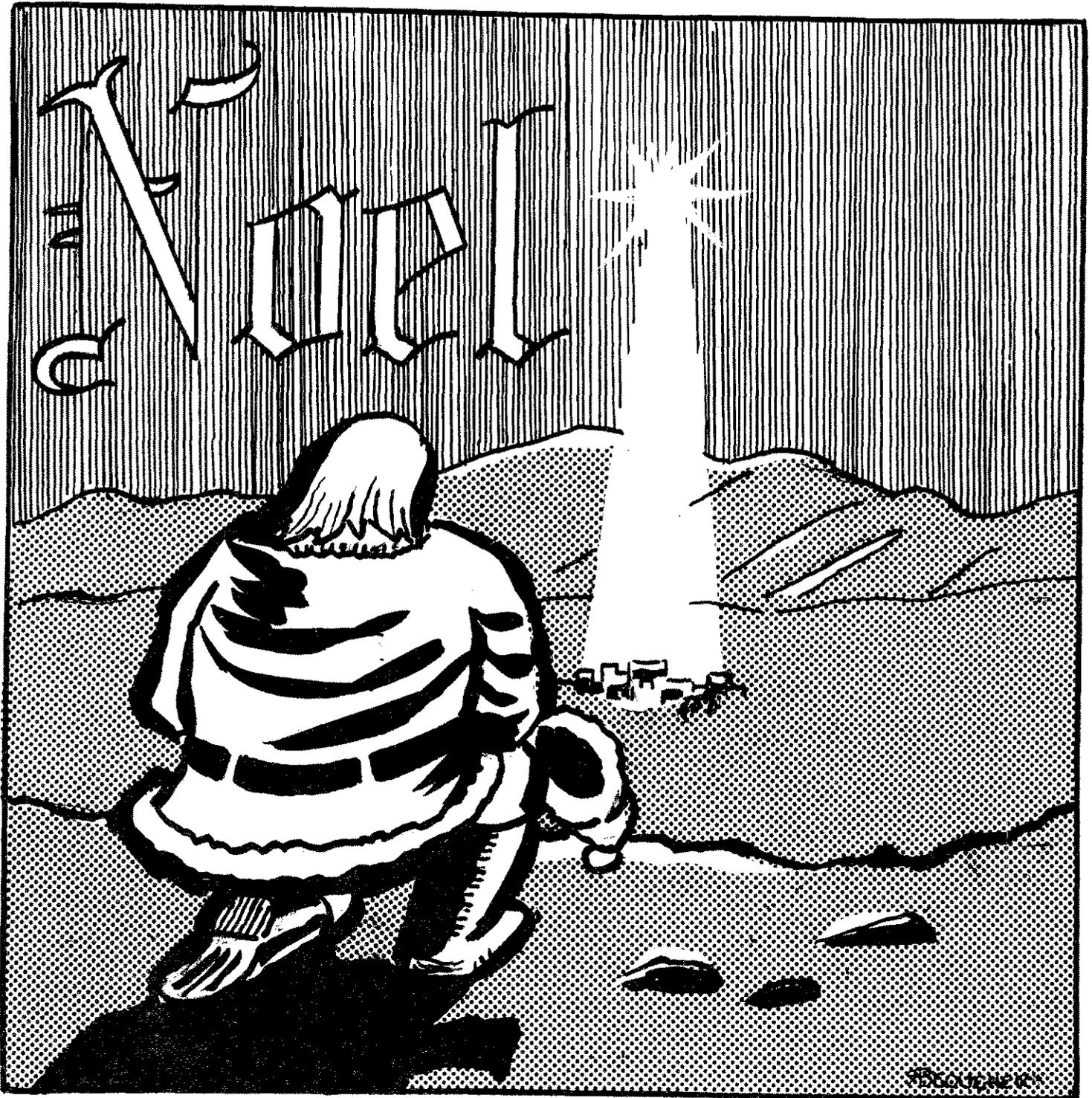
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Minerva Park Civic Association





CHRISTMAS BEAUTY

It seems impossible that we are about to have our 3rd. Annual Christmas Decoration Competition sponsored by your civic association. Each year more homes have participated, making Minerva Park a place of beauty and elegance. From the stunning simplicity of white lights outlining shrubs, doors and windows, to the warm glow of multi-colored, glistening Christmas trees in windows and inviting entrances adorned with wreathes, we have a community that shines. Our public entrances will be decorated, the Community Building will sparkle like a "STAR" and on Christmas Eve, luminarias will light the paths as many travel to their church to celebrate HIS birth.

On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, between 8 and 10pm, MPCA "judges" will be traveling hither and yon, from Jordan on the north to Maplewood on the south, to pick the award winners in the following categories:

- 1) Best lighted house - less than 2000 lights
- 2) Best lighted house - more than 2000 lights
- 3) Most attractive entrance/door
- 4) Best lighted tree
- 5) Most creative and unique display

Winners will receive an attractive basket of fruit, but the real winners will be all of us who will enjoy Minerva Park, a CHRISTMAS BEAUTY.

December *Calendar*

- 9th - Recycle, 9 to 3
- 11th - Village Council at 8:00
- 12th - Civic Association at 7:00
- 17th - Children's Christmas Party
1:30 to 2:30
- Caroling, 6:30 to 8:30
- 18th - Villager deadline
- 22nd - Judging of the lights

The above meetings are held at the Community Building. The children's party will also be held at the Community Building. The Caroling party will take place behind the Community Building by the lake.

MAYOR BLAIR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEMBERS JOIN THE MINERVA PARK CIVIC
ASSOCIATION AND THE WOMEN'S CLUB IN
WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR! !

Dear Civic Association Members,

A lot was covered at our November 14th meeting. We are pleased to be able to continue some holiday traditions that have brought a special touch to Minerva Park during Christmas time. You will be seeing wreaths at all entrances as well as luminaries set out on Christmas Eve. Civic is also sponsoring a child from Franklin County Children's Services again this year. There will be caroling Sunday, December 17th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a bonfire, snacks and hot chocolate. Keep those Christmas lights burning as we will be out judging decorations on Friday, December 22nd from 8 to 10 p.m.

If anyone has not had a Civic Association Board Member call on you to collect your membership dues and you would like to do so, please let me know.

As always, if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

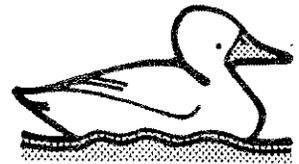
Lynn Eisentrout
Pres., Civic Assoc.



The Children's Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 17th from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Community Building. All children of the Park are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CORNER

- ** Congratulations to Steve Laudon for completing the Columbus Marathon on November 12th. Good Job!
- ** Congratulations to Ani Laudon who went through investiture and rededication with the Girl Scouts to become a Brownie. Sherry Nordmeyer is Ani's group leader.
- ** We have one more congratulations for another Park resident who finished the Marathon also. John Kinkela finished the marathon and now says his next feat is to climb a mountain.



ADOPT A DUCK

For an unusual Christmas gift why not adopt one of feathered friends who makes its home on our lakes. You will receive a picture of the duck you adopt along with a certificate of adoption. The \$5 adoption fee will be used to buy duck food for the winter. Make checks payable to the Minerva Civic Association and mail to 3201 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus 43231.

Adopt a Duck Application

Name _____

Address _____

Duck Adopter (the name you wish to show on the certificate)

A BIG LOUD THANK YOU ! !

Thank you to all people of Minerva Park who so generously contributed crafts and baked goods to the Women's Club Bazaar, thus making this one of the best events of the year.

Many thanks to all the women who so willingly gave of their time at this busy time of the year; making phone calls, receiving and pricing items as they were brought in, the decorating committee, sales ladies, etc., etc. This event would not have been so successful with out all of you.

May you all have the very best of Holidays and good health through out the New Year.

Ruth Mussio

Editor's Note - Many thanks also go to Ruth who did a great job of organizing this event for the Women's Club. It was a tremendous amount of work and took a lot of her time. We thank you, Ruth, for a job well done!

JOHN MCKINNEY

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Flora says



A lot of leaves came down this Fall and the leaf collection did an excellent job keeping up with the busy rakers. I noticed lots of tree removal

and pruning being done in late summer and early Fall. Some people removed big-old trees and replaced them with new-small ones. Others remade their lawns. Then there are those who keep their trees and optimistically replant their grass every year. Or those who yank out what grass is left and plant ground cover. Ground covers take 5 to 10 years to take hold until it covers its spaces, for it has to be hand weeded, watered and fertilized. The evergreen types are desirable, particularly in winter.

If you are considering remodeling your landscape, keep the following points in mind:

1. Make sure the one(s) you select are placed so that they won't be too close to the house, walk, drive, or street when fully grown.
2. Avoid shallow rooted trees. Have trees trimmed regularly so that light gets through to the grass.
3. Trees are not needed on the north side of the house for shade so use evergreens for framing and decoration.
4. Twenty-foot trees and tall shrubs properly placed will protect the windows on the east and west from the hot sun and produce less leaves than large trees.
5. If you want a tree with fruits, (Hawthorne or crabapple) place it where the fruits don't land on the patio, entrance walk, or car or street.
6. Choose and plant flowering trees when they are in bloom and those for leaf color in the Fall when the color is at its

peak. The Melvin Hicks on Lakewood have a young sweetgum tree that had beautiful red and purple foliage this Fall. 7. Look at the wires around your property and avoid planting things that will grow into them. 8. Most of us don't have estates that will allow us to use many (or any) trees whose ultimate height is over 35-40 foot. Avoid sycamore, tulip, silver maples, catalpas, beech, and use maples and oaks sparingly.

From now until late winter is the best time for pruning evergreens. If done before Christmas, the trimmings can be used for holiday decoration.

If you are planning to use a live Christmas tree and then plant it, get the hole ready before the ground freezes. Spray the tree with Wilt Pruf and plan on keeping it inside no more than 4 days. If you have a spot in the back yard along a fence where you need something evergreen but aren't ready to plant a permanent tree yet, you can put your cut tree out before it starts dropping its needles, tie it to the fence and it should look good until the spring.

Your MinervaFlora Committee had its final meeting for 1989. Casey King was added to the committee to help involve people on the north side of the Park in our activities. Winter projects will consist of raising money, recruiting workers for spring planting.

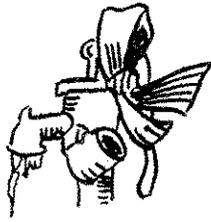
Following the meeting Casey had her second try for a meeting of the Garden Club. It was decided that the moment is not ripe for the formation of a club and that those who are interested should be encouraged to affiliate with the Forest Park Club.

I'm still bragging about roses. I picked some on Nov. 15th which is approximately 6 months after I picked my first ones. They are so attractive both outside and inside. But the biggest surprise that day was to see an iris blooming out by a mailbox at 2764 Wildwood. I have heard of iris which are repeat bloomers but I never thought that happened as far north as Columbus.

Happy Holidays!

The Town Pump

DECEMBER 1989



by Boucher

Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year



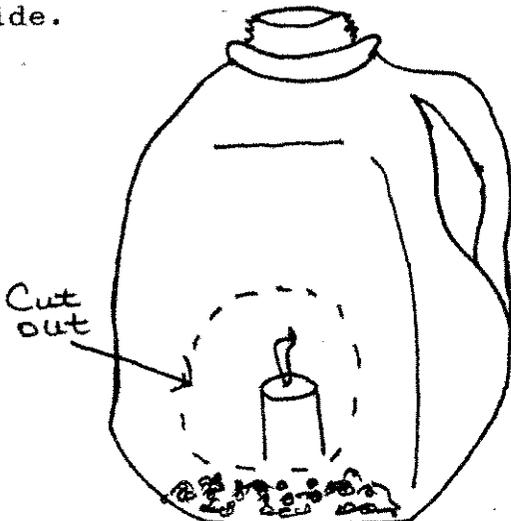
HAPPY NEW YEAR REMINDER-PUT *NEW* BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS.



The 1990 Committee now has its commemorative items ready to sell. We have coffee mugs imprinted with a pillar and the words, "Minerva Park 1940-1990." They sell for \$5.00. We also have packets of stationary with 6 designs of the Village created by our resident artist, Ray Beougher. The packets contain 12 note cards and sell for \$5.00 also. They will be on display at the next Civic meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 o'clock. You may also order the items by calling Betty Beatrice at 899-9246. These items will be for sale for the rest of 1989 and up until September 1990 at our 50th anniversary celebration.

Putting out luminaries on Christmas Eve has become a Park tradition. Many sections of the Northland Area light luminaries on Christmas Eve. The Civic Association will be putting out the lights on Christmas Eve at approximately 6 o'clock. We will be filling the jugs the night before at the Community Building. If you could help at either of these times, please call Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895.

We would also like to encourage residents to put out their own lights. Save plastic milk jugs. Cut a hole in one side of the bottle, large enough to put a candle in. Leave cap off. Fill bottom with sand or kitty litter (enough to weigh the bottle down). Place candle in cupcake holder or foil. Turn opening to a sheltered side.



The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. No voting action was taken as only three members of council were present - Bob Earl, Andy McCabe, and Don Champney. The three members absent were Larry Yoakam, Jack Murray, and Barb Wohlfarth.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Village residents for passage of the Village operating levy.

Don Champney thanked the leaf crew for a great job on the leaf collection. There will be one more sweep through the Park about November 16th. After that the residents have to bag what's left.

Concerning speeders on Cleveland Avenue - there is a Columbus Motor Cycle Police Officer almost every day checking the traffic going north on Cleveland Avenue along side the Village. He gives out 50 to 75 tickets each week.

The condition of the curb at Minerva Lake Road, Lakewood and Cleveland Avenue is under the care of the City of Columbus. They would have to be the ones to do repair work there.

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October 7 - Criminal Mischief/ on this date between 11:45 pm and 10:00 am person(s) unknown did cut the telephone wires outside the rear of West Coast Video.

October 21 - Criminal Mischief/ a possible known suspect did destroy a mail box with a motor vehicle in the 2700 block of Minerva Lake Road.

October 21 - Criminal Mischief/ a possible known suspect did destroy a mail box with a motor vehicle in the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road.

October 21 - Criminal Mischief/ a possible known suspect destroyed another mail box in the 2600 block of Minerva Lake Road.

October 21 - Attempted Aggravated Burglary/ at approximately 5:45 am a possible known suspect did break out a window of the garage door at the rear of the residence. No entry was gained into the residence. This occurred in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road.

October 22 - Telephone harassment/ at approximately 11:15 am a possible known suspect telephoned the above reporting person. This also occurred at 3:30 am.

October 23 - Criminal Mischief/ a possible known suspect did destroy another mail box in the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road some time between the 20th and the 21st.

October 28 - Exposing/ an unknown male subject exposed himself to a female while she was cleaning her car windows in the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road at approximately 8:20 am.

October 29 - Telephone harassment/ a known suspect placed unwanted calls to a resident in the 2500 block of Woodley Road.

October 29 - Property damage/ a known suspect accidentally drove a golf ball through a window in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road.

October 31 - Harassment/ a known subject was harassing a resident for not passing out candy on Halloween. Both reporting person and subject reside in the 2600 block of Wildwood Road.

November 10 - Forgery/ on November 4th an

unknown female purchased two A.G.V. motorcycle helmets at the Iron Pony and issued a check in the amount of \$240.81. The check was reported stolen on November 1.

November 16 - Thief/ person(s) unknown did remove from the rear of a residence in the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road one cast iron propane gas grill and one red wheel barrow. November 17 - Theft/ person(s) unknown smashed out the driver's side window of a 1984 Pontiac Z28 and removed a Cobra Trap Shooter radar detector. This occurred in the 2900 block of Berry Lane.

A note of caution - as the holiday season approaches the activity of purse snatchers does too. When walking to and from stores in parking lots, it might be best to wear your purse under your coat. Wearing the purse on your arm or over your shoulder, makes it easier to remove. A rump pack is a good solution - wear it around your waist under your coat.

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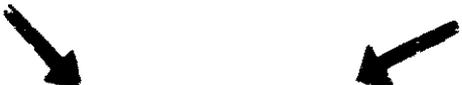
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 THERE WILL BE NO RECYCLING THIS MONTH DUE TO FUNDING PROBLEMS AT NORTHEAST RECYCLING. WE WILL ADVISE THE STATUS OF RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Peace Community Lutheran Church

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10:30 AM Worship Service

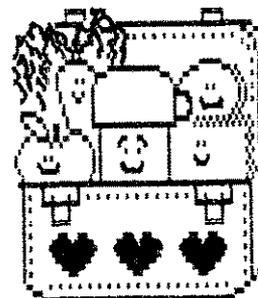
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ATTENTION ALL CHRISTMAS CAROLERS!

We will be meeting at the Community Building on Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 to go sing and culminate the evening with hot chocolate and snacks around a bonfire at 8:30. Help us bring some Christmas Cheer to those who may be house confined. If anyone knows of someone who is a shut-in and would like us to carol at their home, call Lynn at 891-0895.

Out-
to-
Lunch



If anyone from the Out-to-Lunch Bunch would like to go to lunch this month, please give Pauline Wilkinson 882-7052 a call.



If anyone knows of a new resident, please contact Arlene Stuart 890-0363 or Alice Thompson 882-6173. They are the Newcomers Committee and would like to greet all new people to the Park.

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TO...**

Jack Murray on the 7th
Chris Denz on the 12th
Chris Flint on the 17th
Marilyn Russell will be 4 years
old on the 30th

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