

# The Villager

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Minerva Park Civic Association



## December Calendar

- 10th - Village Council at 8:00
- 11th - Civic Association at 7:00
- 16th - Children's Christmas Open House, 1 to 3
- 22nd - Lighting Contest, 6 to 10 pm



## January Calendar

- 14th - Village Council at 8:00
- 15th - Civic Association at 7:00
- 21st - Villager deadline
- 22nd - Women's Club at 7:30

Save the above calendars. There will be no issue of the Villager in January. All of the above meetings and children's open house will be held at the Community Building.

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The Minerva Park Civic Association is once again sponsoring its Annual Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest. On Saturday, December 22nd, between 6 and 10 pm the civic association board members will be viewing homes in the following categories:

- 1) Best lighted home - more than 2000 lights
  - 2) Best lighted home - less than 2000 lights
  - 3) Most attractive entrance/door
  - 4) Best lighted tree
  - 5) Most creative or unique display
- Winners will receive fruit baskets.

If you haven't been contacted yet, civic association board members will be out collecting dues this month for the 1990/91 year. Yearly dues are \$7.00.

Thank you to all residents who took the time to fill out and mail back our survey. We've had a good response (about 50) and a wide range of responses. Everything from "your all know it alls" to "everything is o.k." There will be a special meeting in February to discuss the survey results and to decide which activities the community wants to support.

## MINERVA PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, January 22nd, 7:30, at the Community Building. We will continue to discuss the future of Women's Club. What the organization will do next year? What activities are important to keep? If you are interested in deciding the future of Woman's Club, please plan on attending this meeting. We will also make a small-potpourri heart.

There is no meeting of Women's Club in December. See you in January!

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## MINERVA PARK SQUAD

In October the squad made 157 runs, 8 of the runs were in the Park.

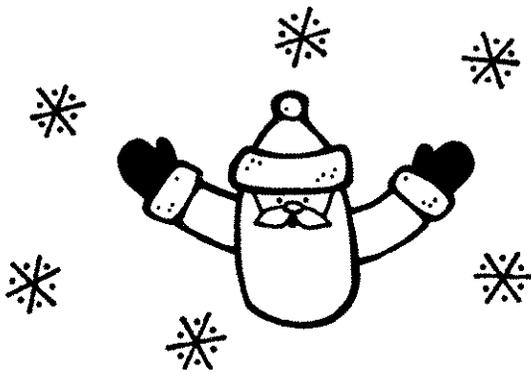
The department wishes to thank Blendon Township for the \$5000 donation it made last month to the Village to help defray our costs.

There were 1677 hours volunteered last month. Special thanks this month to Greg Thatcher (160 hours), Vicki Wells (134), Dave Pence (104), Terry Garrison and Jim Rhodes (96 hours each).

Vicki Wells was selected Volunteer of the Month. Vicki is a relatively new member of the squad but has exhibited an especially helpful attitude and has volunteered considerable time to the squad.

Using funds raised by our members, remodeling of the station is very nearly complete. The department is planning to hold an open house for Village and township residents after the first of the year.

- 10/01 Cleveland Ave, stroke
- 10/01 Cleveland Ave, difficulty breathing
- 10/07 Cleveland Ave, injured person
- 10/08 Cleveland Ave, woman down
- 10/15 Briar Rose, injured person
- 10/15 Minerva Lake, injured person
- 10/19 East Shore, cardiac arrest
- 10/25 Cleveland Ave, injured person



**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE FOR CHILDREN**

There will be an Open House for children of the Park on Sunday, December 16th, 1 to 3 pm. Come visit Santa and have your picture taken with him. Make a decoration to hang on your tree, and have refreshments of cookies and juice. Children of all ages are welcome!



**MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members were present except Don Champney.

**Community - Barb Wohlfarth** brought everyone up to date on the water problem on Cleveland Avenue by saying that the Village needs to call the City of Columbus again to see if there's been any progress. The Village sent a letter to Columbus in August addressing all of the Village's concerns. The city is already planning to replace its water line along Cleveland Avenue down to Morse Road sometime in the future and it is hoped that they include a new storm drainage pipe also.

**Service -** no breaks yet reported in the water lines.

**Finance -** bills were approve to be paid.

**Safety -** in the next contract talks with the City of Columbus for fire protection it will be noted how much the emergency squad covers runs in the City. The emergency squad will be using a new run sheet. It is more detailed and will provide the squad with much more information on their runs.

**Planning and Zoning**

Village Council passed a variance for 6' fence at 2948 Kerrwood. Village code states that 48" is the maximum height allowed. Neighbors on both sides did not object to the fence. A request for a sign variance at 2999 Dublin Granville Road was delayed. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a shed for 2585 Lakewood and interior modifications for the Felcon building on 161. The new shopping center on Jordan Road was discussed. The building permit was approved specifically stating no video games. Video games require special permits and a yearly tax. Nothing has been presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning a permit of this nature.

Before adjourning, Mayor Blair thanked everyone who voted for the levy.

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*Flora  
says*

This is the windup of Fall in Minerva Park. As I write we've had the killing frost and everything looks so bare without the leaves and the blooming plants. Congratulations to all of us on our speedy job of cleaning up - the annuals everywhere were gone except for Alyssum that was still blooming and some Mums. And we're fortunate to have annuals last until early November and then to have a perfect week of Indian summer to make Fall chores a pleasure. Although the foliage color was late, it was outstanding and long-lasting. And then after I got done raking leaves I wondered why any of us plant anything besides evergreen.

It's hard to believe but again this month I am writing about the wonderful red color of the Firebushes (Buonymous Alatus Compactus). They seem to bloom at different times depending on their locations but singly, as hedges, or in groups they put on quite a show. This month I'd like to mention those at the corner of Maplewood and Briar Rose. They have been putting on their display annually for some 20 years - a gift to the Park from the former Garden Club.

There have been so many pretty trees it's hard to single any out. Among them are:

Maples: Milano's, 2828 Park Lane

Hard's, 5377 Park Lane Ct.

Sarah Miller, Lakewood and Lakeland Ct.

Oaks: house by the golf course

Fruehoff's, 5325 Ponderosa

3191 Minerva Lake Road

Sweet Gums: 2525 Lakewood (Hicks)

2784 Lakewood (Webster)

Sourwood: in the island of Ponderosa Ct., a gift from Color Columbus upon request of the MinervaFlora Committee.

When selecting plants for Fall color the Oak-leaf Hydrangea should be given consideration. As its name implies the leaf looks like that of an Oak tree. Fall color is a dark maroon in shady areas but redder when it gets more sun. In midsummer it has large white flowers which later turn pinkish and still later, brown. It has added advantages in the facts that it grows well in shade and that the flowers dry well for Fall arrangements. It will grow 8' tall and be of equal spread. A large one is at Vance's (2761 Lakewood) out by the street beside the ornamental kale. Incidentally, Marge reports that she planted the Kales last Fall and they lived over. If you haven't seen them yet, be sure to do so. While they were very effective with the yellow Chysanthenums last month, they are even more so now that all the other flowers are gone.

Halloween decorations - in addition to the ones I mentioned last month are:

Wagners (2888 Lakewood) a pumpkin with a blinking light inside. McKinneys (3064 Minerva Lake Road) the whole yard looked like Halloween with lots of orange leaf bags, many pumpkins, and corn husks on the lamp post. Ryans (2587 Briar Rose) the walk was lined with luminaries with witches on the bags. Also, the front window looked great with colored leaves stuck to it. Stahrs (2644 Lakewood) this was my favorite and consisted of a blue-suited figure with a pumpkin head sprawling on three bales of straw among several more pumpkins.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER !

As I mentioned back in June, Color Columbus was holding a landscape-design competition and your MinervaFlora Committee decided to enter several categories. We are pleased to have won one of the fourteen awards (sprinkling can with plaque) and also a merit certificate. Unfortunately, the community areas where the committee has spent so much time and effort didn't win but there is always another year. After our plants have had a couple of more years to grow they will be more effective. At any rate congratulations go to:

- 1) the Park Lane area for the top award in the neighborhood category
- 2) the Carfagna residence for merit mention in the residential group
- 3) Tim Curry for his photography
- 4) the MinervaFlora Committee for recognizing potential winners when they see them.

Again, I'd like to mention the Jones' yard (5073 Maplewood) which was the Northland Community Council's Beautification Award winner in the residential category. Perhaps our New Year's resolution we should list "keeping up with the Jones."

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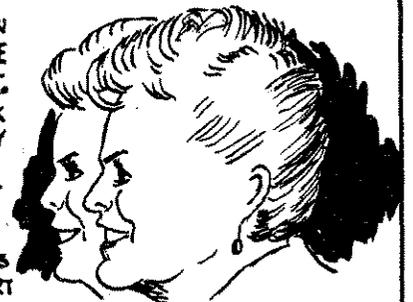


PEGGY YOAKAM

PEGGY, AND HUSBAND LARRY HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE PARK SINCE 1966. PEGGY IS A TOP REAL-ESTATE SALES PERSON. SHE IS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DISTRICT. SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION, GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ZONINGS. OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY PARK PROJECTS. WHEN SHE TOOK ON ONE, YOU COULD BE SURE IT WOULD BE DONE WELL. ALTHO SHE TRIES TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE LATELY, NOTHING HAPPENS IN THE PARK THAT SHE'S NOT AWARE OF. HER OPINION IS STILL SOUGHT AND HIGHLY RESPECTED.

DICK HORTON, OUR WIZARD OF OZ, IS INTO ALL KINDS OF WONDERFUL THINGS. HE'S BUILDING A "HUMAN" ROBOT, FLIES RADIO CONTROLLED PLANES, IS MAKING A CAROSEL HORSE FOR HIS GRANDKIDS. HE'S ATTENDING COMPUTER CLASS AT O.S.U., RACES AT MALIBU AND GOLFS. HE'S PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS LUMINARY AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AGAIN THIS YEAR - BUT, HE'S LIVING DANGEROUSLY. HE'S BEEN CATCHING SQUIRRELS, GOT 42 SO FAR, AND IS RELEASING THEM AT SHARON WOODS. THE PARK RANGERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ORDERS TO SHOOT ON SIGHT IF THEY FIND THE ONE WHO IS BRINGING IN ALL THOSE TREE RATS. THEY'RE EATING UP EVERYTHING IN THE PLACE.

HERE IN THE PARK WE HAVE AN AMAZING SET OF TWINS, MAYBELLE WYMAN, AND MARYBELLE CURRENT. THESE FASCINATING LADIES LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE THAT EVEN THEY HAVE TROUBLE TELLING WHICH IS WHO IN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEMSELVES TOGETHER.



MARYBELLE AND MAYBELLE OR IS IT MAYBELLE AND MARYBELLE?

THEY FIBBED ABOUT THEIR AGES IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE ART CLASS UP AT BLENDON SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER. BOTH ENTERED PAINTINGS IN THE WESTERVILLE ART LEAGUE SHOW, BEING HELD THRU DEC. 15 AT INTEGRITY INSURANCE, 200 E. WILSON BRIDGE RD. TWO PIECES BY ANOTHER TALENTED PARK ARTIST, PAUL FLETCHER, ARE ALSO ON DISPLAY. THE EXHIBIT IS WELL WORTH GOING TO SEE. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9AM. THRU 5PM.

## SENIORS 30 SECOND FITNESS PROGRAM

BY EENIE NIBERGALL, NATIONALLY UNKNOWN HEALTH AUTHORITY



- 1 GET OUT OF BED (THIS IS ESSENTIAL)
- 2 RELAX AND MOVE EVERY PART OF BODY, TWIST NECK AND SPINE. SWING ARMS AND HANDS, LIFT LEGS (ONE AT A TIME), BEND OVER A COUPLE OF TIMES.
- 3 EXPEL ALL AIR FROM LUNGS, THEN INHALE DEEPLY. DO THIS 3 TIMES.
- 4 GO BACK TO BED!

5 EATING ETC. NOBODY HAS TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG. EATING TOO MANY SWEETS, DRINKING TOO MUCH, SMOKING TOO MUCH? CUT 'EM DOWN! - YOUNG PEOPLE NEED PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE ABOVE, THEY'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE BECOMING OLD, IF EVER.

50 MPH YOUR HONOR FIFTY DOLLARS OUGHT TO LEARN YOU TO SLOW DOWN WHEN GOING THRU OUR VILLAGE 50 BUCKS?



KUDOS TO OUR MAYOR DAVE BLAIR FOR THE LEAF PICK-UP THIS YEAR. YOU WON'T FIND MANY MAYORS HELPING ALONG WITH THE WORKERS. HE WAS RIGHT IN THERE PITCHING WITH THE YOUNG FELLOWS. - AND, IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, LAST SUMMER, AT MALIBU, HE TOOK FIRST PLACE IN A RACE AGAINST ALL MAYORS IN THE COLUMBUS AREA, INCLUDING MAYOR BUCKY.

# Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

## MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT

Available 1-1-91. If interested, contact Mayor Blair or any council member.

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Villager Editor

The position of Villager editor will be open June 1991. My last issue of the Villager will be May 1991. If interested in taking on this position, please call 899-9246.

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Betty Beatrice, current editor

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Interested residents to help put out luminaries on Christmas eve. The luminaries will already be filled and ready to set out. Time involved - about 1 hour - at dusk on Christmas Eve. Call Lynn Eisentrout if interested.

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Line-dance lessons every Friday afternoon at the Community Building, 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$2.00 per lesson.

## MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

10-19-90 Theft/on September 29, a known suspect did remove items valued at \$753 from the Iron Pony on Westerville Road.

10-25-90 Criminal Mischief/ between the hours of 3 and 3:30 pm person(s) unknown smashed out the driver side window of a 1982 Pontiac Grand Prix while parked in the 2700 block of Wildwood.

10-30-90 Harassment/ at 9:25 pm a known person die verbally harass a female in the 2600 block of Wildwood.



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TO...**

Jack Murray on the 7th  
Chris Flint on the 17th  
Marilyn Russell on the 30th

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