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Minerva Park Civic Association



EMERGENCY COMMUNITY MEETING SUNDAY, FEB 24TH, 2 P.M. COMMUNITY BUILDING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dear Residents,

As you know, both the Minerva Park Civic Association and Women's Club have been on shaky ground lately because of the lack of volunteers. This month some major decisions have to be made. We, the board members of both organizations, are sponsoring an Emergency Community Meeting for you to let us know if we should make the effort to continue or not. We did get a pretty good idea of your thoughts from the 50 or so surveys we received. We hope that those of you who value our past efforts such as the Villager, community clean-up, the directory, children's activities and annual garage sale will please come to this meeting and lend us your support. For those who disagree and feel there is room for improvement, you too are cordially invited to share your ideas. We need to decide what is best for our Community. It is important to remember that if the Civic Association dissolves, we lose our all-important vote at the Northland Community Council thus relinquishing any input as to what goes on in our area and the Northland area.

This is an ideal neighborhood to move into and live in, but we must realize how it got that way in the first place - these organizations helped to make it what it is today.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, 2 p.m. at the Community Building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lynn Eisentrout, Civic Association President
Betty Beatrice, Women's Club President

MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

11-21-90 Theft/ person(s) unknown did remove from a garage in the 2600 block of Woodley, one Shaffer battery charger.

12-03-90 Theft/ person(s) unknown did remove four strands of Christmas lights from a pine tree in the 2800 block of N. Lake Ct.

12-05-90 Criminal damaging/ person(s) unknown did attempt to remove a car stereo from a vehicle while parked in a driveway in the 2600 block of Lakewood.

12-04-90 Property damage/ a semi tractor trailer while leaving the rear parking lot of the shopping center at Woodley and Cleveland hit the evergreen breaking some of its branches.

12-16-90 Auto theft/ a 1982 Oldsmobile was removed from a driveway in the 2600 block of Jordan Road. Vehicle recovered on 12-18 behind an apartment building at Teakwood and Cleveland.

12-16-90 Theft/ several items were removed from a vehicle while parked in a driveway in the 2600 block of Jordan Road.

12-19-90 Harassment/ a known suspect visited a house in the 5200 block of E. Shore requesting money for gas, resident refused, suspect left.

12-21-90 Criminal mischief/ obscenities were scratched on a 1985 Cadillac while parked in the 2800 block of Lakewood.

12-21-90 Dead on arrival/ Officer Boyers was dispatched to 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road on a possible DOA. An 87-year-old woman had expired. Ptl. Boyers began CPR and revived her.

12-22-90 Property damage/ a driver lost control of his vehicle and struck a garage door damaging the door and vehicle.

12-23-90 Robbery/ on December 22 at 9:30 am a resident of Carleton Ct. was shopping at the Kroger store at 161 and Cleveland. A black male grabbed her purse. Incident turned over to the Columbus police.

01-10-91 Criminal mischief/ on January 9th at 9:30 pm person(s) unknown did slice the right front tire of a van, belonging to and parked at the House of Bargains. Also on January 7th same incident happened.

01-10-91 Criminal mischief/ on January 9th between 4 and 5:30 pm 4 tires were sliced on a 1984 Rabbit while the vehicle was parked at the House of Bargains.

01-11-91 Criminal mischief/ right rear tire of a van belonging to the Flowers Unlimited was sliced.

01-11-91 Criminal mischief/ right front tire of a van belonging to the House of Bargains was sliced again.

Following is a summary of activity the police department had in 1990 - compiled by Police Chief Hillard.

Traffic Citations

speed - 224
no operator's license - 25
failure to annually register vehicle - 20
use of illegal license plate - 2
failure to display license plate - 3
driving while intoxicated - 3
assured clear distance - 1
failure to stop at stop sign - 3
failure to control vehicle - 1
reckless operation of a vehicle - 1
backing without safety - 1
improper lights - 1
failure to yield the right of way - 1
permit a non-licensed driver to drive - 1
no parking zone - 5

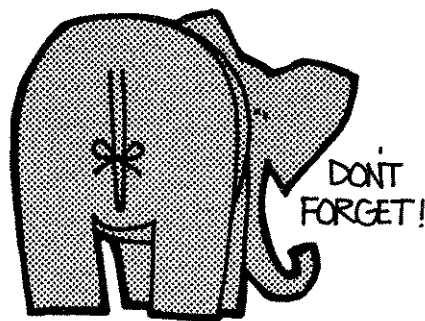
Warning Citations

speed - 7
failure to annually register vehicle - 1
failure to stop at a stop sign - 1
tinted windows - 1

Offense Reports

domestic violence - 4
missing persons - 6
breaking and entering - 5
aggravated burglary - 6
attempted aggravated burglary - 5
attempted robbery - 1
assault - 5
theft - 21
criminal damaging - 31
telephone harassment - 2
harassment - 2
menacing threats - 1
stolen vehicle - 2
bomb threats - 3
DOA - 1
lost property - 1

The rest of the report will be printed next month.



When you go to get your license plates, remember to state on the form that you live in Minerva Park. This will ensure that part of that tax money is sent back to the Village.

Congratulations to the following winners in the 3rd Annual Christmas Lighting Contest:

over 2000 lights - Fantasyland by George and Anita Weber at 2781 Maplewood.

under 2000 lights - Dick Horton for his ongoing dedication to lighting the Community Building each holiday season.

Most Attractive Entrance - Teddy Bear Corner by Harry and Nancy Toy at 2802 Wildwood.

Most Unique Tree - Candy Canes and All by George and Miriam Crosby at 3227 Minerva Lake Road.

Traditional/Religious - the Rays on North Lake Court.

There were so many beautifully decorated homes it was difficult to make a decision. We feel we need to mention a few other homes as well - Jim Davis, Matt and Thelma Murtha, John and Jerri Perfect, Betty and Franz Schwarzbach, Velma and Phil Graves, Dick Busick, and Dick Hale.

Many thanks to all the other wonderful people who have decorated this year to help light up the Park.

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POOL NEWS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN MEETING OF THE MINVERA PARK POOL BOARD
AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1991, 3:00 P.M.

The terms of three members of the Board will expire this year; Kathy Rosati, Steve Denz and Helen Gale. A nominating committee has been named by the President consisting of: Dee Young - Phone 882-2652 & Tom Shannon - Phone 891-7036. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate is strongly urged to call either Dee or Tom so that your name can be put on a list of proposed candidates. Also, your name may be submitted at the open meeting on February 9th.

At the time of the annual meeting of the Board, to be held in April, 1991, the names that have been submitted will be considered possible candidates, together with any open nominations from the floor, for the three vacancies on the Board. All members of the Minerva Park Pool will be notified of the date, time and place of this annual meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Another wonderful evening was had by the Newcomers Committee. The latest addition is Madge LeDawn who lives on Jordan Road. She is a delightful lady who lives with her daughter, Janet McDonald, and her grandchild, Amanda and Janet's niece Dina McDonald.

This is an interesting group. Amanda is 3 years old and loves story time and conversation. She is looking forward to having a grand time in our little Village.

Janet is a regional manager for PHP and is very interested in the activities in and about Minerva Park. She'd like to meet her neighbors; so drop by and say hello.

Dina McDonald has served with the U.S. Army and may be interested in our Squad.

Madge is an extremely interesting lady. She told me so much about her past activities and how she had run a printing press and the like. She hopes to edit or help on our Villager.

Please try and make an effort to greet our new neighbors and let them feel the Minerva Park spirit.

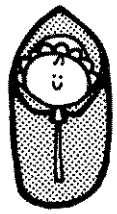
If there are any of you out there who would like to have a new neighbor visited or any new resident who is reading this article, please call us.

Arlene Stuart
Alice Thompson
Newcomers' Committee



Hawthorne's Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 11 to 3 at the school. There will be games, cake walk, face painting, food, and raffle items. Plan to come!

Congratulations to Susan and Larry Russell who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on January 30th.



We also have some new babies to announce:

Congratulations to Doug and Gloria Dawson on Minerva Lake Road, proud parents of Anna Marie who was born on December 23rd.

Congratulations to Jim and Julie Mussio on Wildwood who had a baby girl on December 16, Gina Marie. Proud grandparents are Gid and Ruth Mussio.

One last congratulations to Steve and Patience Denz who recently had baby # 5, Rachel Louise who was born on December 15th. They also should be congratulated for surviving the chicken pox with all the kids over the holidays.

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Flora says

In early December I had occasion to ride a long way on I270 and couldn't help but think how dull the countryside looked even on a sunny day - brown earth and brown trees except for all too infrequent groups of evergreens. This is the time of year when we really appreciate the spruces, pines, and hemlocks. The deciduous trees that flower are showy for a week; those that color orange, red and purple put on a great show for about a week in the fall; the rest of the year they are just plain green. We need them of course but we also need evergreens for yard trees as well as in the foundation planting. They are particularly valuable to the north of the house where dense shade is not needed. However, unless you have a very large yard avoid the Norway Spruce as it gets huge.

An article on gardening in a recent Dispatch suggested the use of trees and shrubs with interesting bark and twigs. Although white birch trees are the prettiest, they are very susceptible to the birch borer in our area and seldom live 10 years. However, you can use River and Canoe Birch with cinnamon-colored-peeling bark. If you have a large space you could get an interesting effect with sycamores. Shrubbery plants include the Red-twigged and the Yellow-twigged Dogwood. Their color shows off well in the snow as does that of Kerria.

The leaf pick up went very smoothly this fall but we need to be aware of the state law which dictates a drastic cutback on material going to the landfills. It will not be just a matter of bagging leaves, for the trashman won't be able to take yard waste either. Hopefully, some mulching plants will be developed to take in the leaves and trimmings and turn out mulch for sale, but I feel we all as individuals need to start planning. If you have a tree that is dead or in bad shape, get rid of it now - the job will probably be much more expensive in a year or so. If you are thinking of planting a tree, give thought to evergreens (little trimming and no leaves) or small trees rather than tall oaks and maples. Also avoid brittle trees such as silver maples which can leave your yard a mess after a storm. We all need to look for a spot in our yards where we can establish our own mulch piles. Usually this will be toward the rear of the lot but when doing this consider your neighbor's view as well as your own. Now is the time to start planting evergreen hedges (e.g. taxus or hemlocks) or fences which can be planted attractively to enhance everyone's view.

On a cheerful note, now is the time to watch for the early bulbs. The Yellow-winter Aconites, White Snow Drops, blue Scilla and Leucojums, and the early Daffodils are very welcome. If you don't have any, figure out a protected spot where you can raise some for next year's enjoyment.

This is a great month for reading the garden catalogs and deciding what you want to buy. Then check with the local nurseries to see if these things will be available. I only order from catalogs when I can't find what I want locally. As the plants always seem to arrive when its too muddy or too cold to plant or when its too late. They don't do well when we get an early summer.


Happy planning.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present. Election of new council positions was done - Jack Murray was elected again to be Council President. Bob Earl and Jack Murray were elected to the Westerville, Minerva Park, Blendon Township Joint Hospital District Board and approved on the 1st reading.

The bills were approved for payment. Council passed Res. 91-2 honoring Barb Wohlfarth for years of service to the community and thanking her for her hard work and dedication.

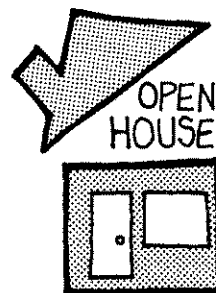
Council discussed the sanitary sewer problem behind the new building at Jordan and Cleveland Avenue. There was a back-up into the neighboring building causing extensive damage. Council authorized the Village Engineer to secure a contractor to correct the problem and to find out what or who caused the damage.

MINERVA PARK SQUAD

In November the squad made 148 runs - in December the squad made 130 runs (listed below).

The total number of hours volunteered to the squad for the year 1990 was 19,356 hours - truly a devoted group of people !

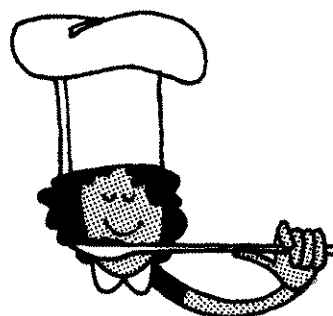
11/04 Wildwood- injured woman
11/08 Cleveland Ave - ill woman
11/09 Cleveland Ave - auto accident
11/19 Cleveland Ave - fire
11/19 Minerva Lk Rd - injured person
11/20 E. Rt. 161 - auto accident
11/21 Minerva Lk Rd - possible heart attach
11/24 Cleveland Ave - ill woman
12/14 Minerva LK Rd - difficulty breathing
12/19 Park Lane - ill woman
12/21 Minerva Lk Rd - ill person
12/23 Wildwood - possible heart attack
12/24 Woodley - dislocation
12/27 Minerva Lk Rd - fire
12/28 Cleveland Ave - possible heart attack



An Open House marking the completion of the Minerva Park Squad's 35th year of operation will be held at the station, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, on Sunday, February 10th from 2 to 7 pm. Local residents, firefighters and potential new volunteers are all welcome to attend.



Ted Hamilton on the 5th
Valorie Fritsche on the 7th
Tony Russell will be 25 years old on the 23rd
Joshua Buckingham will be 4 years old on the 23rd also
Jim Davis and Rick Pinney on the 24th



MINERVA PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

For our February meeting we once again welcome back Pam Park-Curry who will demonstrate cooking techniques. If you missed her last year, you missed a great demonstration and great food. So plan on coming Tuesday, February 26th, 7:30 at the Community Building.

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the Town Pump



JOHNNY'S MOTHER HAD 3 CHILDREN
ONE WAS NAMED PENNY, ONE NICKEL.
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE THIRD?

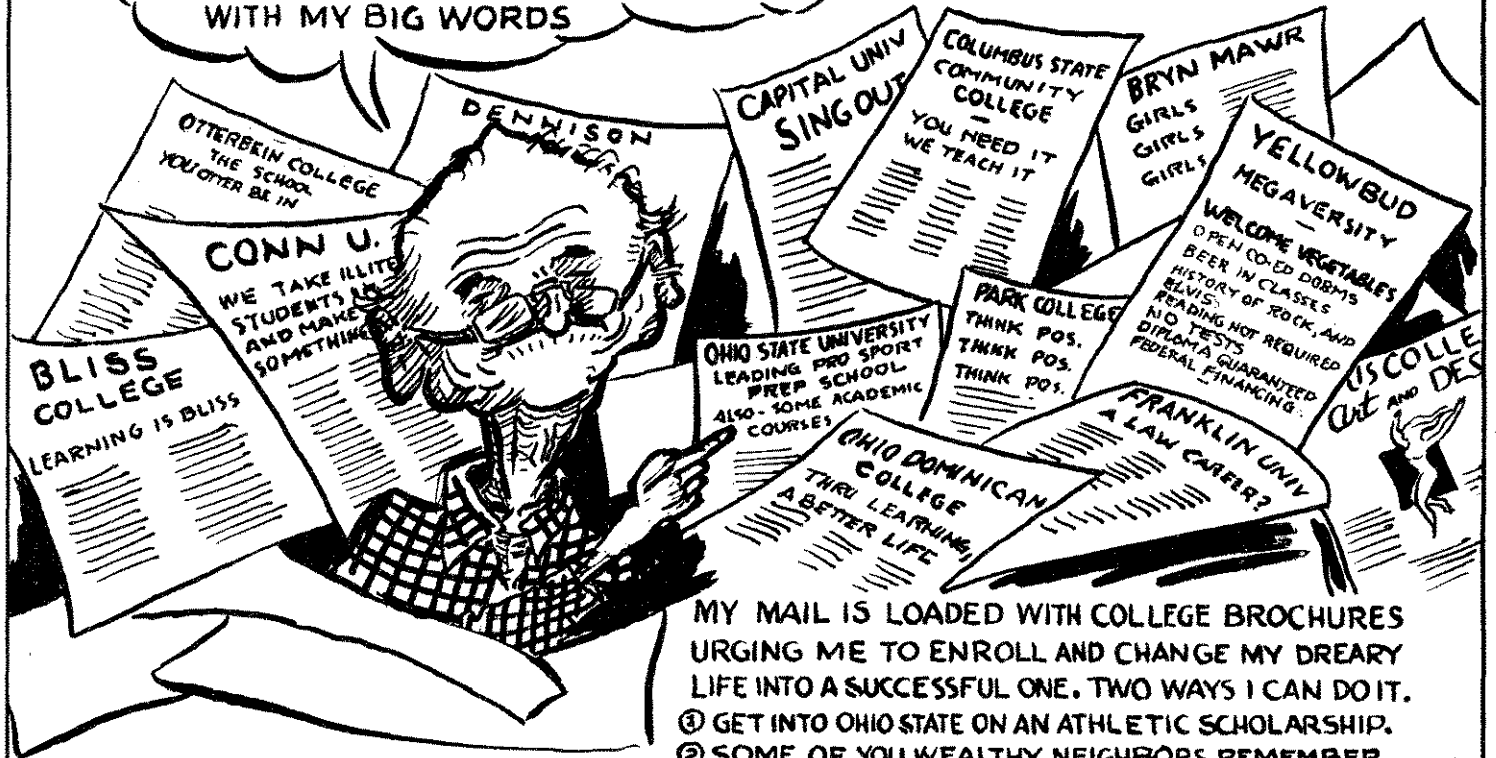
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COUNCIL, MONDAY FEB 11TH
CIVIC ASS'N TUES FEB 12TH

by

Boucher

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LIFE INTO A SUCCESSFUL ONE. TWO WAYS I CAN DO IT.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
The meetings shown here are held at the Community Building.						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Pool Members Meeting 3 pm	
Squad Open House 2-7	11 Village Council 8 pm	12 Civic 7 pm	13	14	15	16	
17	18 Villager deadline	19	20	21	22	23 Hawthorne Fun Fair 11-3	
24 Community Meeting 2 pm	25	26 Women's Club 7:30 pm	27	28			

GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS
From



Again this year Minerva Park was a delightful area to view the lights of Christmas. Each year we get more of our neighbors participating and each year the displays get better. In this issue of the Villager you will find the winners of the MPCA lighting contest. Those special displays were recognized by elegant fruit baskets donated by our neighbor, the MEIJERS store on Cleveland Ave. This will be their third year of helping MPCA recognize outstanding beautification efforts within Minerva Park. We hope that you will say THANK YOU to Jake VanDeHoef, the manager when are shopping in his store.

If you have concerns about the Westerville School system (buses, teachers, etc.), contact Stephanie Hale 476-0446. She is interested in starting a Concerned Parents Group.

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