

# The Villager

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Minerva Park Community Association



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

2nd - Happy Hanukkah  
5th - Planning & Zoning, 7:30pm  
8th - Christams Open House, 3pm  
9th - Village Council, 8pm  
20th - Villager Deadline  
22nd - Christmas Caroling, 7pm  
25th - Merry Christmas  
31st - Happy New Year!

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



## ELECTION WINNERS

### Village Races

Mayor - Dave Blair (561)  
Clerk-Treasurer - Betty Beatrice (529)  
Council - Ray Mussio (484), Lynn Eisentrout (377)

### Blendon Township

Trustee - Jerry Ward (1,404)  
Clerk - Wade Estep (1,945)

### Westerville Schools

\$8 Million Bond Issue - DEFEATED (9,636)

Board of Education - Jane Davis Nipps (7,587), Nur Hussen (6,742)

### Village Issues

Levy for Expenses - PASSED (594)

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## FROM THE EDITORS

During the holidays we would like to remember the hard-working squad personnel. Perhaps we take for granted their dedication and the fact that they are strictly volunteer. Think of them and remember that they're working throughout the holidays! We would also like to express our gratitude to Ray and the many others who submit items to the Villager. We enjoy Ray's page, the "Town Pump" without realizing the effort that is put into it! We do acknowledge your input - gathering ideas and keeping up with activities. Thanks again. We would also like to remind every one to observe the Villager deadline published in the Calendar. It makes our job much easier. Have a wonderful holiday!



**LET'S GO CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING!**

On Sunday, December 22, we will meet at the Community Building at 7pm and proceed from there to spread joyful music throughout the Park.

Please come and join us. No musical talent is required. All ages are welcome, so come one and all!  
**That's Sunday, December 22nd, 7pm, at the Community Building.**

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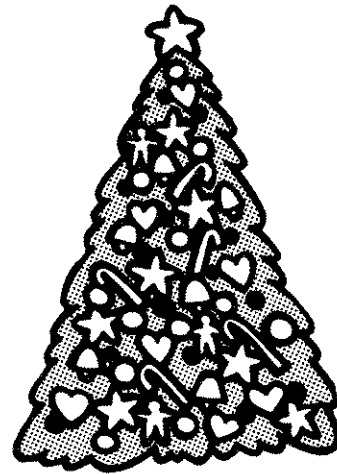
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**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE  
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3 - 5PM**

The Children's Activities Committee is hosting a Christmas Open House for all Minerva Park children and their families on December 8, 1991. Come meet Santa, make a craft and enjoy yourself!

**!!SEE YOU THERE!!**



**POLICE NEWS**

- 10/17/91 - Between 9pm, October 17 and October 18, 1991, 4pm, in the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road, a **THEFT** occurred.
- 10/18/91 - At approximately 10pm, in the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road, a **PROWLER** was observed looking in the kitchen window.
- 10/19/91 - Between October 19, and October 20, 1991, time unknown, in the 2600 block of Minerva Lake Road, an **ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED BURGLARY** occurred.

## VILLAGE COUNCIL

OCTOBER 10, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair.

The council accepted the resignation of Peggy Holfinger, Clerk-Treasurer and appointed Betty Beatrice to a temporary appointment of that position. Betty is running unopposed in the November election with her term scheduled to begin April 1, 1992.

### Council Committee Reports

Community - Pam Park-Curry inquired about the last position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Jack Murray reported that the position would be filled as soon as the Village finds someone willing to serve. Anyone interested should contact Jack Murray. Ms. Curry also commented on the nice job that the landscaping company is doing on the south side where the new water lines were installed. It is a nice conclusion to a long, difficult project. Any settling problems will be corrected in the Spring.

Streets - The bill for the Slurry Seal has been paid and the engineer's bill will be paid when there is enough money in the account.

Service - Mr. McCabe noted that the contract for trash pick-up comes due in January 1992. It was suggested that an estimate be asked for if we did recycling. With or without recycling the price of garbage pick-up will increase.

Finance - Bills were approved for payment.

Safety - Lynn Eisentrout reported the Village purchased two new cruisers, '89 Plymouth's.

Legislation - The second reading of Resolution 91-9 was passed unanimously. Also Ordinances 9-91, 10-91 and 11-91.

### Officials Reports

Police Chief Hillard reported he attended an OSU firearms training course and a training session given by Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's office on domestic violence and public records.

Don Champney raised concern about the increase in crime in the Northland area and asked about man power on 3rd shift. At the present time the 3rd shift is unstaffed or staggered coverage. The Police Department hopes to get the shift covered as soon as possible.

### Planning & Zoning

A fence was approved at 2776 Alder Vista. A permit for building construction at 2530 Lakewood was approved. Rosati's building construction at 2806 Minerva Lake needs to submit new plans. A storage shed at 2855 Alder Vista was approved. A fence permit on Berry Lane was approved and an application for a new garage on Wildwood was tabled.

Village Engineer, Lee Rupp reported that an application for a grant from Issue 2 money has been submitted to replace storm water drainage on Jordan Rd. Its first hearing will be October 30 and the Village will be notified in November of a decision.

Council recessed to executive session and later adjourned.

NOVEMBER 11, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair.

Mayor Blair thanked Mr. Harold Hard for his Donation of \$125 to the Village.

Minerva Park Community Association is collecting dues of \$10 per household. The organization is consolidating some of its committees. It asked the Police to only report streets on the crime reports and not to include house numbers.

### Council Committee Reports

Community - Lynn Eisentrout expressed concern about the curbs at the entrance of Lakewood and Maplewood and asked for something to be done to improve their appearance.

Streets - Don Champney asked for an update on leaf pick-up. Mayor Blair reported that 80 loads have already been taken and pick-up will continue until Thanksgiving. The Village Engineer submitted the estimate for next year's slurry

project which will include streets on the south side of the Park. Service - Andy McCabe noted the late garbage pick-up on the night of Halloween and said that he and the mayor had called 9 times to get the trucks out here.

Finance - Bills approved for payment.

Safety - Lynn Eisentrout reported that she received compliments from residents on the high visibility of the Police on Trick-or-Treat night.

Legislative - On it's third reading, Resolution 91-9 passed unanimously as did Resolution 91-11.

### Planning & Zoning

Commission approved a dining room expansion at 2858 Alder Vista and tabled a garage permit for 2736 Wildwood. Michael Rosati came before council for approval of a building expansion. After much discussion, Bob Earl made a motion to approve the variance request on the presumed 10' setback and the 30' setback. Motion passed. Council recessed to executive session and later adjourned.

## MINERVA PARK SQUAD

In October, the squad made 107 runs. 17 runs were into Blendon Township and 3 were into Minerva Park. 36 patients were transported to area hospitals. The squad had 1,367 hours of volunteered service during the month, raising the total to 14,753 hours for the year to date. Special thanks this month to Frank Meredith (104), Tom McClanahan (96), and Terry Garrison (86). Frank Meredith also leads for the year with 946 hours of volunteered service.

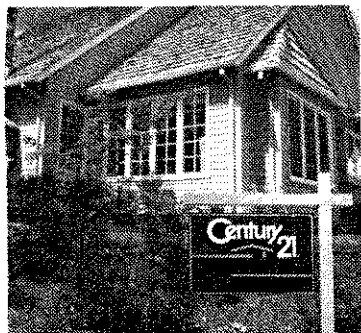
The latest report from the County EMS Institute has arrived, and it indicated that the squad's average response time (radio page until arrival on the scene) within Minerva Park was 103 seconds during the past quarter!

Considerable training activities are underway in November. Ten members of the Department are going through state recertification, scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving. Three members are now at Columbus State, where they are earning their advanced EMT certification. And most of the Department received their federally mandated hazardous materials training on November 9.

As authorized by Council, the Department has prepared a Request for Proposal and Specification for a new squad vehicle. The document has been submitted to Council and the Law Director for review.

- 10/14/91 - Berry Ln. - Hemorrhage
- 10/18/91 - Wildwood Rd. - Ill woman
- 10/30/91 - Maplewood Dr. - Hemorrhage

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*Flora says*

As I write this, on a dreary November day, I'm grateful to the unknown person who, long ago, wrote an article emphasizing that during the winter one should be able to see something evergreen or with interesting bark from every window of their house! Today, I am admiring the mahogany leaves of PJM rhododendron between the green of another rhododendron and a hemlock. From other windows I see some blue spruces and along one side of the patio, the hollies are showing off their red and yellow berries. While I'm a color-lover at heart, green too can be varied and beautiful. I write this just before Thanksgiving and feel this is the appropriate time to express thanks to a hard-working MinervaFlora Committee. They are: Jeanne Blair, Peggy Yoakam, Virginia Gordon, Tim Curry, Barb Wohlfarth, Bob Gale, Casey King and our newest member, Wade Estep. We had three work sessions at which former member Dick Busick joined us in getting the community garden property spruced up in the Spring, planted and then cleaned up again in October. We also want to thank Rolla Wagner for bringing his chain saw to that last session so we could get rid of some overgrown shrubs and weed trees behind the Minerva Lake Road pillar. We also want to thank Ruth Anderson for her help on planting day and for watering the orange impatiens by the playground, which turned out to be a daily project this year. We also thank the residents at the end of Maplewood: Shirley Jones planted

the grasses to hide ugly tree stumps and Mary Lou Caley watered them. Flos Fortin watered Busick's annual bed at the south end and Rolla helped with the Schwarzback's bed at the path across the Lake. The more helpers there are, the more spots that can be improved. Hope you plan to join us next year. A word on the history of the MinervaFlora Committee - some 3 1/2 years ago Mayor Blair appointed Councilwoman Barb Wohlfarth as the Minerva Park Representative to AmeriFlora. The original small committee of 4 has grown to 9 and the original budget of \$600 (from Council, Civic and Women's Club) has been supplemented with donations of \$125, as well as plant material, mulch, water and additional contributions for equipment and labor from the Village. Our greatest help came from Color Columbus and we are very grateful to them for the annuals, shrubs and evergreens that we have been planting during the last three seasons. Because of the lack of funds, we have been adding to existing plantings rather than doing anything new. Loss of the tree on the island across from the golf course made us start to think of replacing it with a center planting rather than a single tree which would not make much of a statement in years to come. Furthermore, we recognized that the taxus on the corners had grown so large that they were creating a traffic hazard. at this point while making a purchase at Warwick's we discovered Thom Jones, son of Charlotte and Dick Jones of 2558 Minerva Lake Road. Thom grew up here and is now Warwick's Garden Designer. We told him our needs and he agreed to draw up a plan for us. We liked his plan and he was able to talk Warwick's into picking up the cost of the pines and the labor for planting them in exchange for some advertising. Santa Claus came early in the form of an anonymous donor who liked the plan and wanted it done as soon as possible. By the time you read this it may be underway although it can't be finished until Spring.

# The Town Pump

DECEMBER 1991

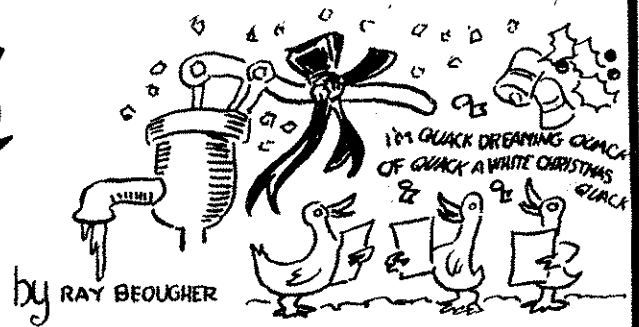
## PARK PERSONALITY



### MARV SPECK

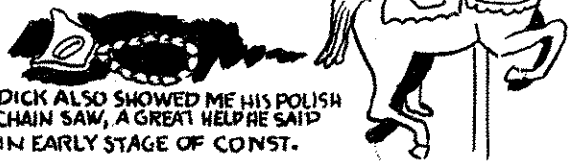
MARV IS ONE OF OUR PARK'S MORE COLORFUL PERSONALITIES. BORN AND RAISED ON A FARM IN IOWA, ATTENDED SEVERAL COLLEGES THEREABOUTS. HE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY IN 1942 AND ENROLLED IN OFFICERS TRAINING AT FT. BENNING GA., GRADUATING AS SECOND LIEUTENANT IN INFANTRY. HIS MILITARY DUTIES WERE EXTENSIVE, TAKING HIM FROM GUADALCANAL AND NEW GUINEA, TO THE PHILIPPINES IN WWII. HE NEXT BECAME INVOLVED IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, THEN VIET-NAM, THEN BACK TO KOREA. HE RETIRED WITH THE RANK OF LT. COLONEL IN 1968. HE REFUSES TO DISCUSS HIS MILITARY AWARDS — IN 1946 HE MARRIED HIS WIFE ILA, A WONDERFUL, LONG SUFFERING, UNDERSTANDING PERSON. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, A GIRL AND A BOY, AND SEVEN GRAND-CHILDREN. THE SPECKS MOVED HERE IN 1956. MARV'S FIRST INVOLVEMENT WITH OUR GOVERNMENT WAS AS A POLICEMAN, HE RODE A MOTOR-CYCLE AND LEARNED LEAD-FOOTED DRIVERS TO BE CAREFUL HERE-ABOUTS. HE SERVED ON COUNCIL AND AT ONE TIME WAS BOTH COUNCILMAN AND POLICE CHIEF CONCURRENTLY. HE WAS MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE FROM 1976 TO 1980. WAS ON THE ZONE-ING COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTED THE PARK FOR 12 YEARS AT THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. AT PRESENT HE IS ACTIVE IN MASONIC SHRINE WORK AND KIWANIS. BELONGS TO AMERICAN LEGION AND ALSO HEADS A BIBLE STUDY GROUP. BUT THE PINNACLE OF HIS CAREER IS THE EXALTED POSITION OF SECRETARY TO "YE OLDE BUZZARD'S CLUB", AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP WHICH MEETS MONTHLY AT COCKERELL'S RESTAURANT IN WESTERVILLE. THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IS RIGOROUS. A MIRROR IS HELD BEFORE CANDIDATE'S MOUTH IF IT FOGS, HE'S IN, IF NOT IT'S THUMBS DOWN. MARV EDITS A NEWS LETTER FOR THE AERIE AND NO ONE ESCAPES HIS CAUSTIC WIT. HE CAN DISH IT OUT, BUT HE CAN ALSO TAKE IT-AND DOES HE!

**NOTICE:** TO MEMBERS OF PROCRASTINATORS ANONYMOUS-  
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON SUNDAY.  
REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 2ND



DICK HORTON JUST FINISHED CREATING A BEAUTIFUL CAROUSEL HORSE AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HIS DAUGHTER. SAYS IT TOOK HIM 1900 HOURS TO BUILD. IT IS PERFECTION, DOWN TO THE MOST MINUTE DETAIL. AMAZING

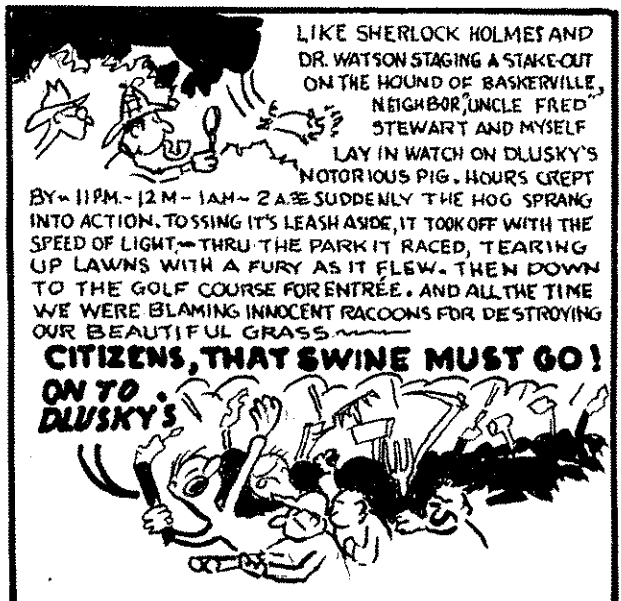
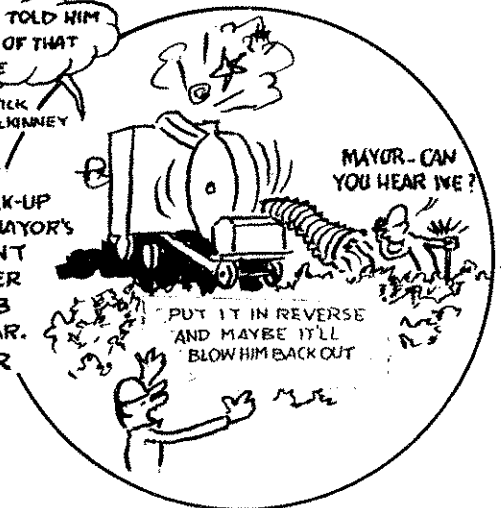
DICK ALSO SHOWED ME HIS POLISH CHAIN SAW, A GREAT HELP HE SAID IN EARLY STAGE OF CONST.



I TOLD HIM AND TOLD HIM TO STAY CLEAR OF THAT PICK UP TUBE

DICK MCKINNEY

MAYOR DAVE BLAIR AND HIS LEAF PICK-UP CREW, USING THE MAYOR'S OWN EQUIPMENT HAVE DONE THEIR USUAL FINE JOB AGAIN THIS YEAR. THANKS MAYOR FOR A JOB WELL DONE

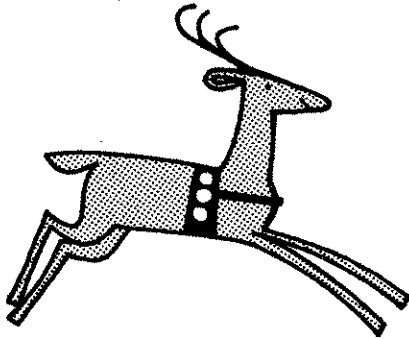


**BOWLING**

Did you know that there is a Women's Bowling League named "Minerva Parkettes"?? Yes, that's right. This league consists of 32 women who spend their Tuesday mornings at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace having a wonderful time.

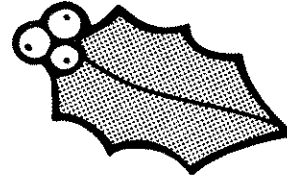
Of the ladies on this year's league, seven are Minerva Park residents. Each month, we will be posting Minerva Park resident's average, high scratch game, and high scratch series.

	<u>AVE</u>	<u>HSG</u>	<u>HSS</u>
Ramona Wilke	148	204	514
Jane Pinney	148	191	506
Ginny Stehmeyer	142	189	489
Betty Petti	137	183	478
Barb MacMichael	131	177	471
Nina Stumpf	128	174	436
Virginia Riggins	110	148	382



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- 7th - Jack Murray
- 10th - Kim Dooley
- 12th - Claire Eisentrout
- 17th - Chris Flint
- 20th - Ryan Hill
- 22nd - Mike Riggins
- 26th - Bobby Herbert
- 28th - Ryan Davis
- 30th - Laura Dennis
- 30th - Marilyn Russell