

The Villager

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Minerva Park Community Association

MPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Minerva Park Community Association will be held Wednesday, June 10, 1992. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm and will take place at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

GARAGE SALE

The annual Minerva Park Garage Sale was a big success this year. Over 80 homes participated and over \$1,200 has been netted in this fund raiser.

I would like to thank Caxton Printing for donating the Garage Sale signs, Pam Curry for making posters, and the route leaders; Margo Washburn, Rolla Wagner, Wendy Kempa, Lynn Eisentrout, Tim and Pam Curry, Chris Cameron, and Pertain Buckland for distributing the signs and maps and later collecting the money.

But, more importantly I want to thank everyone who participated, whether by selling or buying. For without you the Garage Sale would not have been such a success!

If you had a sale and have not paid your 10%, please do so by sending your check, made payable to the Minerva Park Community Association, to MPCA Treasurer, Mike Riggins, 2699 Maplewood Drive.

Again, Thank You! The money raised will support the activities of your Community Association.

Virginia Riggins



JUNE CALENDAR

- 4th - Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 8th - Village Council, 8pm
- 10th - MPCA, 7:30pm
- 19th - THE VILLAGER DEADLINE
- 21st - Happy Father's Day

RECYCLING REMINDER

A reminder that curbside recycling has started for all Minerva Park residents. Glass bottles and jars (all colors), aluminum beverage cans and #1(PETE) and #2(HDPE) plastics should be placed in the receptacles provided and set out on garbage day (Wednesday). All residents are strongly urged to participate. "Think globally, act locally!"



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NOTICE

Anita Riehl has relinquished editorship of THE VILLAGER. As a volunteer, Anita has been a valuable aide in the publication of the newsletter. We will miss her. It has been brought to my attention that changes have been proposed in the make up of THE VILLAGER by the MPCA. There is the possibility that no July issue will be published since no consultation with the remaining editor has taken place. If you have concerns about this, please contact me or the MPCA.

Madge LeDonne
Editor, THE VILLAGER

COLUMBIA GAS ALERT

In an effort to serve their customers in a more cost-efficient manner, Columbia Gas is upgrading its meter reading operation. The project will involve rerouting meter reading accounts. It will take place in June. The immediate effect will be to change the dates that meters are read. Beyond this, the date payment is due will change, consistent with the change in meter reading. The rerouting could cause some confusion since changes in reading dates could affect the amount billed to customers. For example, a customer could get two bills in June, while another customer might not receive a bill at all in June. Smaller-than-normal and larger-than-normal bills could result. This is a one-time process. Once the rerouting is in place, the new meter reading date established in June will continue to be used and customers will be billed on a monthly basis. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Columbia Gas.

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MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

POLICE NEWS

- 4/20-LOST JUVENILES-Two children, ages 2 and 5 were found wandering at Northland Plaza. Children said they were lost after being dropped off at Hawthorne Elementary in the morning by parent who did not realize school was out due to spring break. Children were transported to grandparent.
- 4/22-THEFT-Person(s) unknown smashed out a car window on Maplewood Drive and removed several items.
- 4/23-ASSAULT-Argument took place at Hawthorne Elementary between a father and stepfather over a custody matter. Stepfather was assaulted.
- 4/29-TELEPHONE HARASSMENT-Resident of Ponderosa Drive received harassing phone calls.
- 5/07-OPEN DOOR-While making routine check of Minerva Park Swim Club, a rear gate was found standing open.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 11, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present. Mayor Blair called attention to an article in COLUMBUS MONTHLY about the low crime rate in Minerva Park and an article in the WALL STREET JOURNAL about activities related to AmeriFlora that are happening in the Park.

Mayor Blair also introduced Bill Bates, Blendon Township Trustee, who gave the Village a check for \$25,000 to be used toward the new emergency squad.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community - Andy McCabe reported that Lake Clean-up Day went very well with approximately 45 people coming to help work. He also stated that there needs to be more information given to residents regarding recycling.

Streets - Lee Rupp reported that the city of Columbus has gone out for contracts on a project to widen Cleveland Avenue from Morse to the culvert at Minerva Lake Road with some improvement to the culvert. The new water and sewer project lines being done in the project should go to Wildwood Road and help with the water problem there. The hump at the east end of Minerva Lake Road will be removed by Franklin County soon. The owner of the lot on Westerville Road will be trying to sell the land. Any new development will have to go before the Planning & Zoning Committee. This year's slurry seal project will be in the south end of the Village.

Service - Pam Park-Curry reported that recycling seems to be going well but also agrees that more information should go out to residents.

Finance - Bills approved for payment.

Safety - Karl Garrabrandt passed out a letter regarding the flushing of hydrants. Flushing will take place on a smaller scale due to the drought. Water restrictions do apply in the Park except from 6-10am. The new squad will be delivered next week.

Legislation - Resolutions 92-7 and 92-8 were passed, as well as Ordinances 6-92 and 7-92.

PLANNING & ZONING

Variance granted for 24'x 30' garage at 2736 Wildwood Road. Variance also granted for deck at 2777 Minerva Lake Road.

Victor's Crafts will submit drawings for signage at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Andy McCabe would like to get estimates to black top the parking lot by the Community Building. Estimates will also be secured for placing a path from the parking lot to the existing path by the lake. Mike Riggins of MPCA asked the Village to consider going in with their group to patch and seal the existing paths.

The placement of picnic tables at the playground was discussed. The land has been surveyed and currently the swing sets sit on golf course property and will have to be moved forward and north. After that is done it will be decided where the picnic tables will be placed.

Grant money has been awarded for the Jordan Road project. The next step is to select an engineering firm. Meeting adjourned.



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Flora says

In this locality we need to plant a lot of different things that bloom in the spring because there always is a late frost or freeze that ruins something. This spring it was the early daffodils and tulips. The situation was made worse by the damage to the foliage. Most magnolias had severe damage but, this is the first time I ever remember the crabs failing to bloom most everywhere. My own Van Esseltine crab, however, put on its usual gorgeous performance. The lilacs bloomed but, not as profusely as normal. I suspect that some of this may be due to lack of water last year during the watering ban; this currently is still in effect for grass except between 6-10am. Yet, trees, shrubs and flowers can be watered anytime. The good news is, those plants that did bloom put on their show longer than ever. The evergreen pieris japonica and later on the dogwood lasted forever. Speaking of dogwood, a disease is killing many of the native dogwoods; The Chinese dogwood (kousa) is not susceptible to it. There are several nice white specimens in the park. The main difference is that they bloom later than the native species. Wayside gardens are now selling a pink version as well as a new species that is a cross between the native cornus and kousa. These also are disease resistant and their blooming time is between those of their parents. If I need to replace one of mine I would choose one of these - hopefully, they will be less expensive in the near future.

Other than the many wonderful dogwoods, I have not found much to write about. A neighbor discovered "the most beautiful display in the park" at 2848 Maplewood (Cohen's). I laughed since I have been writing about it for 3 years and I'm still trying to figure out why it is the best of all creeping phlox plantings. Perhaps because there is a lot of pink that contrasts nicely with the grey stone wall and the white mixed with it as well as the pink, white and lavender standing tall behind it. Several residents called my attention to the beautiful tulips at 2720 Jordan Road (McDonald's and LeDonne's). There is a large grouping near the mailbox and another closer to the house. As I write, the azaleas are just coming out. They are very effective in Minerva Park West because there are so many of them at different homes. At 2755 and 2733 Jordan Road some burnt orange ones are very showy against their dark background. Foliage color alone can be quite effective: At 5350 Park Lane Drive (Emrick's) is a grey stone house with brown trim. The red leafed Japanese maple near the house and the tricolored beech in the front yard really stand out against their background. I was impressed by the planting at 2910 Berry Lane (Greiner's). It is a corner lot and the blue spruce where the streets intersect has been there a long time but, has now become the focal point of a semi-circular bed containing a beautiful pink rock, some pink fairy roses some medium height grasses with ground cover. Other semicircular corner beds that are always attractive are at Anderson's, corner of Maplewood and Alder Vista featuring bulbs, perennials and annuals and at Sarah Miller's with a maple, 2 white pines, a burning bush and lots of ground cover. Your MinervaFlora Committee has not met but, its members have been busy working. All plants have been moved

from the corners of the golf course island to the Briar Rose island in a bed between the existing hemlocks. As we sat back to relax along came the water main replacement company to fill in places that had sunk over the winter. Once again they used our island to store equipment and supplies. I could have cried! That is a large area in which to raise grass, especially when you can only water from 6-10am and when it really is too late to be starting. The good news is that the plants are profiting from the daily watering and the grass is growing. At our darkest hour, along came Warwick's to lay the sod on the corners of the golf course island and to replace the dying tree. At this point it is taking 3 to 4 hours a day to water there. Please, all of you do a rain dance! The Community Association purchased an AmeriFlora flag. It made the other flags on the pole look dingy so they now have been replaced. Admire our fresh clean look as you pass by the Community Building.

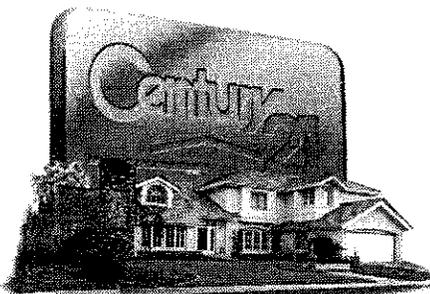
HELP

Families with young children in Minerva Park have come to expect and appreciate special events and parties offered by the community. It's something special that sets the Village apart from the hustle of the big city and makes it a unique place for kids to grow up. Virginia Riggins' term as chairman of the Children's Activities Committee is about to expire. In addition to filling that vacancy, the group is seeking new volunteers. Some more hands are needed to continue offering these activities.

If your child has ever enjoyed one of these events, or if you are willing to lend some support, please consider signing up to help. We would like to know if you are interested in the chairman's position, if you would be willing to participate generally, or if you have a specific interest in helping with the Halloween Party, Christmas Party, or Easter Egg Hunt. Fresh ideas for new activities are also being sought.

Please call Virginia at 794-3845 and let us add your name to the list of volunteers. You will be contacted when the next meeting is scheduled.

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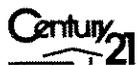
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MINERVA PARK SQUAD REPORT

APRIL 1992

In April, the squad made 142 runs; 24 runs into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park. 65 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1547 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 6308 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (170 hours), Frank Meredith (150), and Colin Chong (106). Curt also leads year-to-date with 605 hours.

The April training meeting covered infection control and control of communicable diseases in the field and was taught by Linda Webster, RN, from OSU Hospital.

Lt. Dennis Burgoyne was selected as Volunteer of the Year by department membership. Dennis has made numerous contributions to the Department in the past year, including: development of the SOPs, coordination of the training program, and recruitment of our medical director. Dennis has been a member for over 6 years and serves as our Training Lieutenant. Dennis is in computer systems sales and works as an ER technician at St. Ann's.

The Chief and Assistant Chief traveled to Indiana for the final inspection of the new squad vehicle. We anticipate delivery on or about May 13th, though miscellaneous installation activities will likely delay putting the vehicle in service until later in May.

The Department recently sent fund-raising letters to village residents. Similar activities are planned for the Township.

Minerva Park Runs

4/04:	Maplewood	medical alarm
4/16:	Cleveland Ave.	person fell
4/20:	Minerva Lake Rd.	diabetic emergency
4/20:	Wildwood	back injury
4/21:	Far View	injured child
4/26:	Cleveland Ave.	person choking
4/26:	Maplewood	possible heart attack
4/28:	Cleveland Ave.	grass fire

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11th - Jessie Takacs
13th - Melissa Herrett
17th - Katie Riehl
23rd - Clara Murray
24th - Karl Garrabrandt
24th - Marybelle Current
24th - Maebelle Wyman
26th - Decia Simms
27th - Jim Fischer
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28th - Michael Dennis

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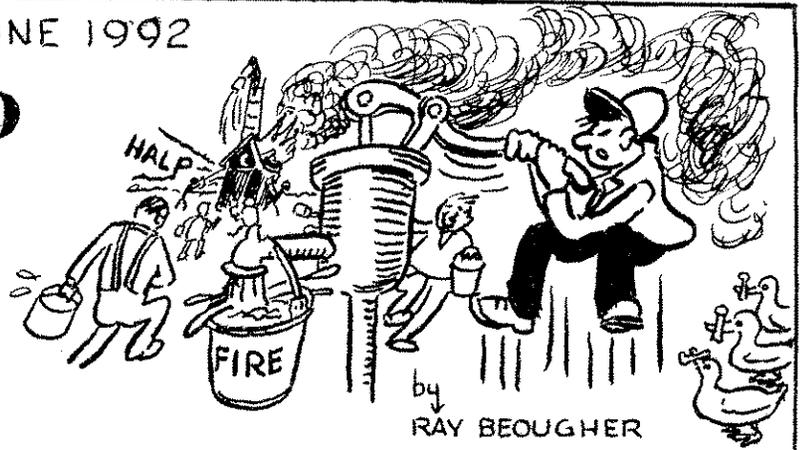
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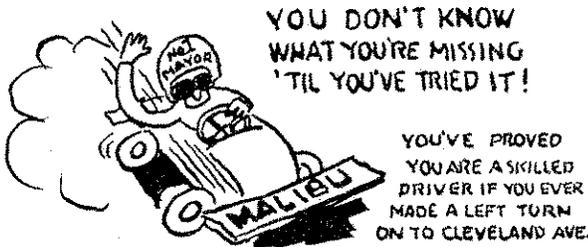
HOMER DUNN

MANY OF US PARK RESIDENTS HAVE SEEN THIS MAN FOR YEARS, BUT NEVER KNEW WHO HE WAS. HOMER DUNN HAS BEEN THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR VOTING PRECINCT "B" FOR 25 YEARS. A QUIET UN-ASSUMING PERSON, HE DOESN'T KICK UP MUCH DUST. HOMER LIVES WITH HIS SISTER, NELL CONARD AT 2597 BRIAR-ROSE. HE IS RETIRED FROM THE VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE, AND IS VERY ACTIVE IN V.F.W. AFFAIRS. HE SERVED ALMOST THE TERM OF WWII IN THE E.T.O. WITH THE ARMY 59TH EVACUATION UNIT. A GOOD NEIGHBOR.



by RAY BEOUGHER

HOLD THE PRESS!
 THE M.P.C.A.'S ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME, THE GARAGE SALE NETTED \$1256. COST OF PRODUCING THE VILLAGER IS \$200+ PER MONTH. ADDS HELP, BUT SO FAR DO NOT COVER COST. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE PUBLICATION. THANKS AGAIN TO JOHN AND ROSE HOLLBERG, AND GEO. W. STEWART FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



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COUNCIL AND M.P.C.A MEETINGS ARE THE PLANNING PLACES FOR ALL OF OUR PARK'S ACTIVITIES — FAR MORE INTERESTING THAN WATCHING TELEVISION

AGENDA:

- STREET IMPROVEMENT AND SEWERS
- MINERVA FLORA
- RE-LOCATION AND UPGRADING OF PLAYGROUND
- PICNIC TABLES
- WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
- THE VILLAGER AND FINANCES
- LAKE CLEANUP
- THE POOL AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- GARAGE SALE
- MINERVA PARK DIRECTORY
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LARRY & ERNIE

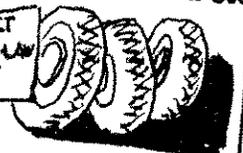


AFTER ERNIE PLANTED ALL THE ONIONS UPSIDE DOWN AND THE ROOTS POPPED UP FIRST, LARRY SOLVED THE PROBLEM BY TURNING THEM OVER WITH A PLOW. HE THEN TRIED TO TEACH ERNIE HOW TO SUCKER TOMATOE PLANTS. ERNIE STRIPPED 4 DOZEN PLANTS COMPLETELY, CLAIMS LARRY. WAITRESSES DOWN AT STANS DRAW LOTS TO SEE WHO HAS TO WAIT ON THEM

TWO OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS, HARVEY ROSSETTI AND DAN BERRETTI HAVE SURVIVED RECENT PHYSICAL CRISES AND ARE BATTLING IT OUT AT HOME YOUR PRAYERS WILL HELP

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

by Randy Ryan

Part 2 of 4

How can you best "use" employee benefits that affect early retirement? If you are a participant in your employer's pension or profit sharing plan, you can choose among the distribution options available.

If you've always saved money in an IRA, you'll have to pay a 10% penalty tax - besides your regular income tax - on previously tax-deductible contributions withdrawn before age 59 1/2, unless a specific exception is met.

Exceptions include distributions that are part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments for the life or life expectancy of the IRA owner. The early withdrawal penalty tax won't apply if distributions are made under a method that qualifies for this exception.

Payouts from a 401K plan before age 59 1/2 also are subject to a 10% penalty. But it won't hit if your employer's plan specifically provides for such early retirement, so long as it's no earlier than 55 and your payout is on account of your actual early retirement.

What lifestyle do you desire?

Because your spending habits will likely change during retirement, it's important to plan for living on about 80% of your current income during retirement. No matter how modest a person's means, chances are that expenditures for leisure activities and hobbies will increase after retirement and become the mainstay of daily life. Retirees should allow generous

amounts for these activities. Retiring early means that money has to stretch over a longer period of time. Next month will feature questions to ask when considering whether or not to take early retirement.

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