

# The Villager

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## Minerva Park Community Association

### The First Thanksgiving

On December 21, 1620, after 66 days at sea, 102 passengers of the "Mayflower" landed on the shore of Plymouth. During the voyage, the Pilgrims' supplies had been nearly depleted. They feared hunger and disease, as well as the Native Americans in this strange new land. It was only with the help of a friendly Native American tribe, the Wampanoag, that 55 Pilgrims survived the winter. The best friend to the Pilgrims was a Patuxet Indian named Squanto, who brought them corn. He taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate it, and also how to net fish and hunt game. The fall of 1621 brought a good harvest to the colony.

The Pilgrims' fears were calmed; they would survive the coming winter without starving. It seemed appropriate to have a celebration. Governor Bradford proclaimed a three-day feast. He invited the Native Americans to join them. The first Thanksgiving took place sometime between September 21 and November 9, 1621. For three days, the four surviving adult women prepared food. Imagine their surprise when over 90 Indians showed up to join the 55 Pilgrims! The Indians brought five deer to be made into stew. The woman roasted turkey, geese, and ducks. They cooked lobsters, eels, clams, oysters, and fish. There were sweet potatoes, cranberries, dried fruit, and Indian Pudding (made of corn boiled with molasses).

During the summer of 1623, the Pilgrims faced starvation. After a long winter came a severe drought which almost destroyed their crops. Governor Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer. After nine hours of continuous prayer, small clouds appeared in the sky; then came several days of rain saving the crops. To show their gratitude, the Pilgrims set a day of Thanksgiving. Some historians say that this second observance, rather than the one in 1621, was the real start of our present holiday, for it was religious as well as social. Following is the proclamation issued on that occasion:

#### TO ALL YE PILGRIMS

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squash, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of  
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 the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

William Bradford  
 Ye Governor of ye Colony

With its roast turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pies, of all the holidays observed in this country, there is none so distinctively American as Thanksgiving, a legacy of the Pilgrims, cherished because of the traditions attached to it. This holiday is enjoyed not only by the descendants of the Pilgrims but by all Americans; and Thanksgiving is primarily a time for giving thanks for the harvest and for other blessings the year has brought.

## Neighborly Notes

With the approaching holidays, parking may become a problem for many households. Remember to be considerate of your neighbors when instructing guests on where to park. Your neighbor may also be having guests. Better yet, you may wish to check with a neighbor about the possibility of sharing driveways.

Residents of Jordan Road have been sharing their driveways and will continue to do so, as their new curbs and driveway entrances are installed. While the concrete cures, no vehicle may drive over the affected area for a period of approximately seven days. That time period may vary, depending on the weather. Should you plan to visit a resident on Jordan Road, it may be wise to first check on where to park. The following schedule for the Jordan Road project was supplied by the engineer, Lee Rupp. Remember these dates may vary depending on the weather and any setbacks in the schedule of work.

09/25 - 10/30	Earthwork/Stone
10/12 - 10/23	Concrete Work
10/19 - 10/23	Asphalt
11/02 - 11/6	Signs & Mailboxes
11/02 - 11/6	Striping
11/09 - 11/13	Seeding and Mulch
11/16 - 11/20	Final Clean-up
11/22 - 11/27	Weather Delays
11/27	Completion

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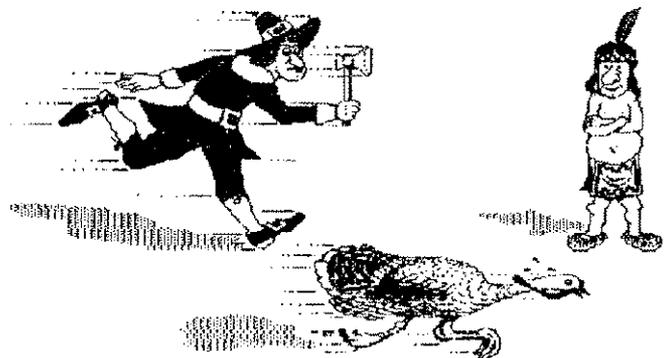
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## The Minerva Park Time Capsule

### Did you know ...

In 1941, lots sold for as little as 50 cents to a top figure of \$3.50 at a sheriff's sale in the Franklin County Court House. Facing the prospect of unrestricted buying and building because of an overlord of assessments, Minerva Park residents, guided by Carlton Berry, decided to protect their property. They incorporated, held a special election, installed officers, passed zoning and building laws as emergency measures, and named a zoning commission and building inspector. Mr. Berry served as Minerva Park's first mayor from 1940 until 1948.

*An Excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA"  
 Published in March, 1976*



# Village Council Meeting Sept. 14, 1992

## General Topics

- The mayor advised council of a letter from Columbus Southern Power praising the Minerva Park Police Department for apprehending suspects with stolen goods from the scrap yard. He also highlighted the 911 report from Franklin County. Council has copies of the Mayor's report for July and August.
- Lynn Eisentrout reported on the progress of the Pool Task Force. She said that they have met twice and have discussed many options for funding the pool. They will give a formal presentation to council in October or November.
- The Minerva Park Community Association (MPCA) met on September 13, 1992, to elect new officers:

Claudette Shannon	President
Rolla Wagner	Vice President
Mike Riggins	Treasurer
Jennifer Hochuli	Secretary

## Council Committee Reports

**Community** - Andy McCabe reported that he has received many compliments on the new parking lot and path. MinervaFlora needs space to store its tools and equipment. The mayor advised he can find room in his garage for them. Andy has obtained bids to have the swing set at the playground moved. It will cost \$800 to move and reset the existing set. To purchase and set a new swing set would cost about \$900 plus the cost of the swings. The MPCA also would like the Village to purchase a slide for the playground at a cost of about \$1800. Bob Earl made a motion to transfer the existing swing set as soon as possible. Pam Park Curry seconded. Motion carried. Pam Park Curry made a motion for the MPCA to meet with the Community Committee and propose a plan on what to do with the playground with the plan to be under the balance in the recreation account. Jack Murray seconded. Motion carried. There was a brief discussion about treating the lake with chemicals for the algae. Council agreed to do this again.

**Streets** - Nothing was reported.

**Service** - Nothing was reported.

**Safety** - Bobbie Hillard reviewed the July and August police reports with council. He advised that a crime prevention program will be started in the Village with businesses being worked with first about false alarms. Karl Garrabrandt highlighted the run reports for July and August. The policy manual for the EMS is being revised and will be presented to council when it is ready.

**Finance** - The bills were presented for payment. The estimates for new phones will be deleted and submitted next month. Jack Murray made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Bob Earl. Motion carried.

**Legislation** - Bob Earl moved to table ordinance 9-92 until the American Disabilities Act can be reviewed by the Village solicitor. Motion Carried. He also moved to pass ordinances 10-92, 12-92, and 13-92, and he moved to pass resolutions 92-13, 92-14, 92-15, and 92-16. All motions were carried.

## Village Officials Report

- Lee Rupp reported that the slurry seal was done on the south side of the park.
- The construction on Minerva Lake Road (at Westerville Road) is done. This week, Cleveland Avenue should also be finished.
- The houses on the east side of the abandoned railroad line on Minerva Lake Road would like to annex to the Village. We would pick up that stretch of the road along with the houses.
- Jordan Road is in its 14th day of construction and is on schedule.
- The pillar that was knocked over at the Wildwood entrance will be rebuilt.

## Planning & Zoning

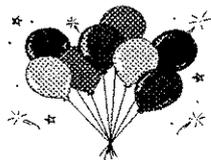
- Cornerstone Cleaners is almost ready to go and has all its EPA permits. A video store will be going in next to the dry cleaners, but still needs to apply for its permit. The variance requests on the agenda are not proper because the appropriate letters were not submitted by the permit applicants.
- The pennants that are flying in front of Victor's Crafts are in violation of code. The police department should have talked to them the day after this meeting (09/15/92).

## New Business

- With council's approval, the hours of Deb Leake, Planning and Zoning Clerk will be increased to 20 hours per week effective September, 1992.
- The Village needs to establish a Records Commission. It can consist of the Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, and one other person. They will meet once or twice a year to decide which records of the Village should be retained and which destroyed.
- Emergency squad members and the police department are now required to have Hepatitis B shots. Karl Garrabrandt will check on costs. Ray Mussio made a motion to approve the shots for the EMS members and the police at the lowest price. Motion carried.

## The Birthstone of November is the Genuine Citrine

Characteristic: Cheerfulness.



**Happy Birthday!**

### November Birthdays

1st	Harry Toy
4th	Sarah Takacs
7th	Julie Mussio
7th	Megan McCabe
12th	Tony Rosati
17th	Chad Blackburn
17th	Timmy Hanning
27th	Tiffany Clark

Genuine Citrine is noted for its delicate transparency. It is said in mythology, Citrine was known as the "stone of strength" and was worn as a mark of power and authority by

Emperors and Kings. Genuine Citrine is found, almost exclusively, in Brazil, although some mining is done in Madagascar.

*If you would like to have your birthday listed, or*

*if you know of a problem with the current list, please contact Madge LeDonne at 891-3188.*

## Minerva Park Squad Report



In September, the squad made 138 runs; 24 runs into Blendon Township and 3 into Minerva Park. 51 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1401 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 13,969 hours. Special thanks to Frank Meredith (104 hours), Jude James (80), and Curt Gannon (74). Curt continues to lead year-to-date with 1421 hours.

Until the cold puts them back in their place, please be careful of the yellow jackets this year. If you are stung and note any changes in your breathing, swelling of the mouth or lips, general skin color, or level of consciousness, please call for help. Multiple stings are especially of concern. This past month, several children in the village were stung, one more than 40 times.

The state has passed Senate Bill 98, which reorganizes EMS in Ohio. In addition to reporting to a new Department of Public Safety and using certain seat belt fines to fund EMS education, the bill also permits the use of semi-automatic heart defibrillators by emergency squads, with additional training. The Department is reviewing its operating protocol with respect to this issue. Rapid defibrillator use has been linked with improved outcomes in cardiac arrests in some of the research. Currently, these units are expensive, approximately \$7,000.

### Minerva Park Runs

09/12:	Minerva Lake Rd.	Wires down and arcing
09/22:	Minerva Lake Rd.	4 children stung by bees
09/22:	Cleveland Ave.	Unconscious

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The good news is we finally got rid of the orange barrels on Cleveland Avenue. The bad news is that another contractor is scheduled to start soon on replacing the culvert located between the Minerva Lake Road and Maplewood Drive entrances. When they are finished, it should match the culvert on the west side of Cleveland Avenue. Until then, your MinervaFlora Committee is making no plans for the area. Hopefully, the damaged pillar at the Wildwood Road entrance will have been repaired by the time you read this article.

I extend my sympathy to the residents of Jordan Road. Laying storm sewers seems to be a messier job than the replacement of the water mains in the south park last year. The road is being widened, so lots of big trees are standing there with roots cut off, shrubs are lying around waiting to be replanted, and mailboxes have been temporarily replaced by a standard mailbox in a weighted bucket, obviously contractor supplied. The job is supposed to be finished before Thanksgiving, so here's hoping for good construction weather.

Speaking of mailboxes, I recently noted two very handsome ones; the one at 3228 Minerva Lake Road is the standard model painted white and covered with gaily colored birds, the other at 2909 Kerrwood has a huge cardinal standing on the post overlooking the box.

As I write this in mid-October, the annuals and perennials still have color, but are looking tired. This is the season for the trees to put on their show. Too many of them are a dull brown, but "Red Sunset" and "October Glory" are maples that have red leaves. If you don't have room for these or a Sugar Maple, try a Dogwood, a Japanese Red Maple, the Firebush (*euonymous alatus compactus*), or the Japanese Blood Grass. Sun helps bring out the color. Color is particularly nice now around the south lake and the golf course, but by the time you read this, we will be reduced to raking leaves. Hopefully, the leaf collection will be under way, but when it isn't, please bag the leaves for the trash man. If you pile them on your grass they will kill it, and if they are left in the street, they could clog up the storm sewers.

November is a time to clean up from summer and get ready for spring. First of all, keep the leaves off the grass and get the dead deciduous plant material out of the flower beds. Secondly, this is the best time to prune your evergreens and you can use them for Christmas decorations. Third, keep watering evergreens until the ground freezes because they keep losing moisture through their needles and with the ground frozen, they don't get anymore. Broad leaf evergreens, such as Rhododendron are especially vulnerable to drying out and are helped to retain moisture by spraying them with "Wilt Pruf" in November when the temperature is above 40 degrees (Wilt Pruf also helps prolong the life of a christmas tree). Fourth, dig up any bulbs such as cannas, dahlias, caladium, etc. that you want to save for next year and store them in a cool place where they will be protected from both freezing and dry heat. Fifth, store leftover pesticides so they won't freeze, or if they have been around too many years, dispose of them. Jane Martin of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service says to wrap solid or powder forms of pesticides in newspaper and place them inside a sealed plastic container or two garbage bags before placing in the trash. Liquid pesticides need the same treatment after they have been added to kitty litter.

Getting ready for spring also means planting bulbs. The squirrels and chipmunks don't eat daffodils, but other bulbs should be soaked in "Ropel" (read the directions carefully). Group them in concentrated spots of color rather than alternating them or stringing one color in a line across the front of the house. Cherie Loucks of Color Columbus, who is busy planting displays all over town said she had learned that it takes 7000 bulbs in a group to be noticed by drivers going 55 MPH. While no one drives that fast in the park, the general principle still applies.

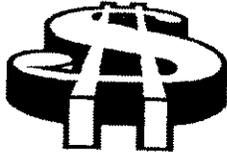
November is also an excellent time to fertilize the grass since it will make it green up early in the spring. You also won't need to fertilize it in the spring as the grass grows fast enough without it. Who wants to cut the grass twice a week anyway?

Another chore that saves valuable time in the spring is to get new beds ready now. The ground is better for digging in the fall. Your choice of comtil, peatmoss, perlite, and gypsum can be added and will help break up the clay. This will make your job easier in the spring and result in quicker and better plant growth.

AmeriFlora is gone, but the memories of lots of color in masses linger on. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did and derived lasting inspiration from it.

## Dollars and Sense

Contributed by Randy Ryan



### How to Invest in a Mortgage, Instead of Paying for them

In the past, buying a mutual fund was like filing your tax return. You didn't have much choice.

Today, mutual funds come in all shapes and sizes. In this column, we'll look at one of today's most popular kind of mutual fund — the government securities fund. The government securities fund is a relatively new phenomenon. Such funds really had their roots in the 1970s, when interest rate volatility became the rule rather than the exception. Because of the risks that changing rates imposed on mortgage lenders, many lenders began selling their loans to outside parties, who divided them up into securities.

The securities are usually put together by an agency of the U.S. government or a private corporation backed by the government, although private groups do it as well. In turn for purchasing the securities, investors receive a share of the interest and principal payments on the mortgage loans.

One of the largest purchasers of mortgage securities are mutual fund operators. While it can cost an investor up to \$25,000 to purchase a single mortgage backed security, most government securities funds require an initial investment of \$2,000 or less.

You've probably heard of "Ginnie Maes," which are one form of mortgage security. Ginnie Mae certificates are issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because Ginnie Maes are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, they are among the safest mortgage-backed securities.

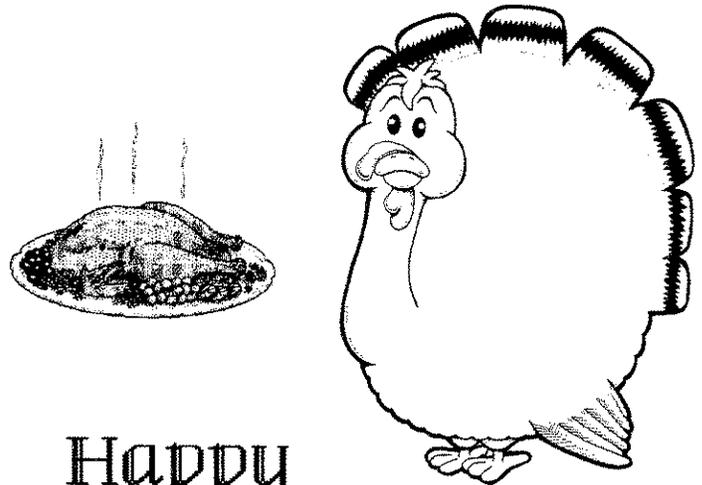
Some mortgage-backed securities are not directly backed by the government, but still offer a high degree of safety through affiliation with the government. An example is securities offered by the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA). While FNMA is a private corporation, it is federally chartered and has the right to borrow from the Treasury, if necessary, to meet its obligations.

By purchasing shares of a government securities mutual fund, investors indirectly own a piece of a large number of mortgage-backed securities. Besides that diversification, their investment is under the supervision of a professional portfolio manager.

Government securities funds are especially attractive to investors looking for current income as well as the safety of principal provided by U.S. government agency securities.

Securities guaranteed or sponsored by the U.S. government aren't subject to the credit risk that affects many other fixed-income investments, although they are usually more sensitive to changes in interest rates. What can happen is that when rates fall, more people will prepay mortgages to take out new mortgages at lower rates. When that happens, government securities funds use the returned principal to purchase new mortgage-backed securities, which may be at lower rates. That can affect a fund's yield.

You'll see some funds offering higher yields than others, but the chance of prepayment on those funds may be greater — meaning the actual yield that investors earn, may be lower than what is advertised. Government securities funds are best-suited for people who are looking for the potential of high yield, but want minimal credit risk. As with all investments, get — and read — the prospectus before you invest.



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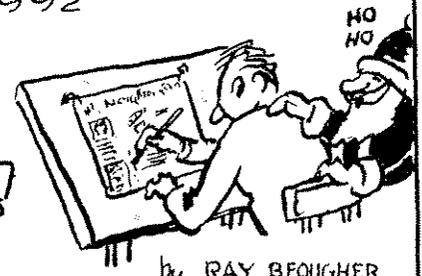
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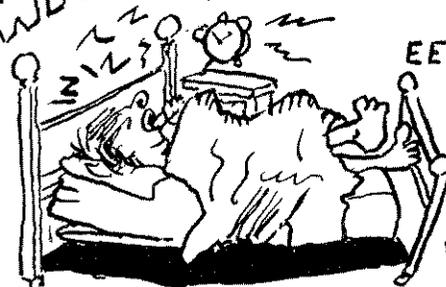
### CLAUDETTE SHANNON

MRS. SHANNON IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF OUR MINERVA PARK CIVIC ASS'N. SHE AND HUSBAND TOM HAVE LIVED ON CARLTON CT. FOR 18 YEARS. THEY HAVE TWO SONS. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PARK AFFAIRS SINCE MOVING HERE. BOTH ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF OUR EMERGENCY SQUAD. THEY ARE AVID POOL SUPPORTERS. CLAUDETTE WORKS FOR DIEHL OFFICE EQUIPMENT. HUSBAND TOM IS EMPLOYED BY ENVIRONMENTAL BALANCING CO. I'M SURE CLAUDETTE WILL BE A VERY COMPETANT LEADER OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE COMING YEAR



by RAY BEOUGHER

## WAKE UP!



**EENIE NIBERGALL**  
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## GET OUT AND VOTE TUES. 3<sup>RD</sup>

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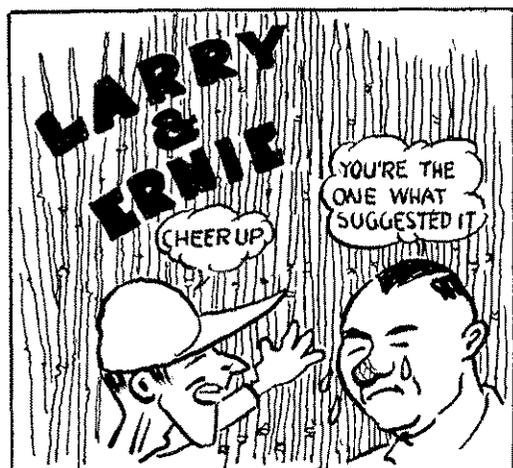


### MIKE CAVE

AFFILIATED WITH COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ST. ANN'S HOSPITAL AS A MEDIC INSTRUCTOR. A REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSITION IS THAT ONE MUST BE AN ACTIVE SQUAD MEMBER. SO HE'S NOW WITH US. A WIN-WIN DEAL.

OUR SQUAD HAS ACQUIRED A NEW MEMBER. MIKE CAVE, A RETIREE FROM COLUMBUS F.D. HAVING WORKED WITH HIM, I KNOW HIM TO BE AN AGITATOR DELUXE. ASK HIM ABOUT THE TIME WHEN ON COL'S SQUAD SIX, HE AND HIS PARTNER CAME TO SEE OUR SQUAD ON BUSINESS, AND FINDING THEM OUT TRASHED THE PLACE (NO DAMAGE) 11-11-11.

BUT ON THE PLUS SIDE - MIKE SPENT MOST OF HIS 32 YEARS IN THE F. D. WORKING ON SQUADS AND MEDICS AND IS VERY CAPABLE. SINCE RETIRING FROM COLUMBUS HE HAS BECOME AFFILIATED WITH COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ST. ANN'S HOSPITAL AS A MEDIC INSTRUCTOR. A REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSITION IS THAT ONE MUST BE AN ACTIVE SQUAD MEMBER. SO HE'S NOW WITH US. A WIN-WIN DEAL.



WITH VISIONS OF MAKING A KILLING, LARRY PLANTED A LARGE PATCH OF BAMBOO TO FEED THE ZOO PANDAS. BEFORE IT COULD MATURE, THE PANDAS WERE SENT BACK TO CHINA. NOW LARRY IS STUCK WITH THE STUFF. ERNIE SUGGESTS WE TAKE UP A COLLECTION HERE IN THE PARK AND SEND THE BAMBOO TO CHINA. PLEASE DON'T DEPRIVE YOUR CHILDREN OF FOOD IN DONATING.



LAST YEAR FARMER WEATH LOST HIS SHIRT ON THE BEAN CROP IN THE FIELD SOUTH OF US. THIS YEAR THO, HE'S MORE THAN MADE UP FOR IT. HE'LL BE LUCKY TO HAVE TRUCKS ENOUGH TO HAUL THE HARVESTED SOY BEANS AWAY



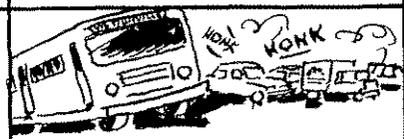
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## Police News

- 9/11 **Attempted Aggravated Burglary** - Person(s) unknown did remove a window screen to attempt to gain entry into a residence in the 2800 block of Alder Vista Drive.
- 9/12 **Criminal Mischief** - Person(s) unknown did egg a vehicle on the 2900 block of Kerrwood.
- 9/14 **Vandalism** - A cat left deep scratch marks on the hood of a vehicle in the 2700 block of Wildwood Road.
- 9/16 **Criminal Damaging** - In the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road, person(s) unknown shattered a window of a 1987 Honda 4 door.
- 9/16 **Domestic Violence** - On Cleveland Avenue, the husband of a business owner became violent, throwing objects inside the business.
- 9/17 **Suspicious Person** - A possible known suspect is watching children as they await the school bus at the corner of Ponderosa Drive and East Dublin Granville Road.
- 9/19 **Burglary in Progress (False Alarm)** - Dispatched to the 2600 block of Lakewood Drive, arrived to find everything secure.
- 9/19 **Menacing** - A resident of the 5300 block of Park Lane Drive received threatening telephone calls from a known suspect.
- 9/22 **Vandalism** - Person(s) unknown did damage a hubcap after attempting to remove one from a Cadillac on the 2800 block of Alder Vista Drive.
- 9/23 **Theft** - Person(s) unknown did remove property from the G.K.Y. Management Company.
- 9/30 **Breaking and Entering** - Person(s) unknown did enter the Allied Beauty Supply store on Cleveland Avenue by breaking out the front door glass.
- 10/01 **Unsecured Door** - While conducting a routine business check, an unlocked door was found at the Victor's Craft store. The door was secured.
- 10/02 **Theft/Criminal Damage** - Unknown person(s) did poke a hole in a plastic window to gain entry into a 1982 Jeep, then removed a radio and a pair of glasses.
- 10/06 **Burglary in Progress (False Alarm)** - Dispatched to the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road, arrived to find everything secure.



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## November Calendar

- 03 - Election Day\*
- 05 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 09 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 11 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 - Children's Activities Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 - VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day

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