

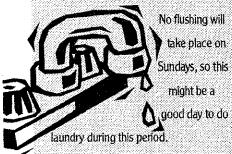
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## **Minerva Park Community Association**

## Yearly Flushing Scheduled

It's Fall, and once again, the Minerva Park
Fire Department will be preparing the
Village fire hydrants for the cold weather.
This preparation normally involves
pumping out accumulated water above the
valve, which is located below ground level.
Because of the water line work that was
performed this past year, the Fire
Department will be flowing each hydrant
before it is pumped out.

The dates of this service will be November 6 through 11, with November 13 through 18 serving as back up dates. Reminder: Hydrant flushing can dislodge rust, which can get on clothes in your washing machine. If this happens, a commercial rust remover can be obtained at local stores that will remove the rust.



# M.P.C.A. Highlights

Candidates Night on October 11 gave Minerva Park residents the opportunity to learn more about the qualifications and platforms of the candidates from Minerva Park and Blendon

Township. Each candidate was invited to make a presentation followed by a question and answer period. We appreciate the attendance of those who accepted our invitation to help

us become better informed voters. They were:
Jack Murray for Minerva Park Mayor, Betty Beatrice
for Minerva Park Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Blair for
Minerva Park Council, Beth Birckbichler for
Minerva Park Council, Wade Estep for Blendon
Clerk, Paul Butterfield for Blendon Trustee, Robin
Thomas for Blendon Trustee, Jerry Ward for
Blendon Trustee and Nur Hassen for Westerville
School Board and as a Proponent for the School
Levy.

After refreshments and a 20 minute period to talk informally with the candidates, the regular meeting of the M.P.C.A. was brought to order by the newly elected President, Don Champney. Mary Yost reported that much was accomplished on the North lake shores on work day. It was a job well done! Drive or walk by and see the North lake again. Spring bulbs are being planted at the Community Building parking lot wall and will bring color and beauty there in the Spring.

The M.P.C.A. membership drive will begin this month. The dues of only \$10 per year go back into the community in so many different ways. The new directory will be printed next year. The next M.P.C.A. meeting will be on Wednesday,

November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community
Building. Come join us and join the association.

Happy Thanksgiving, Minerva Park!

## November Dates

Nov. 2	Planning & Zoning Meeting,
	7:30 p.m.

Nov. 6-11 Village Council Mtg., 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 7 Hydrant Maintenance

Nov. 7 Election Day ... Vote!

Nov. 8 M.P.C.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 The Villager Deadline, 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 28 Last Leaf Collection



## Classifieds ...

12 year old Minerva Park Resident will babysit in your home as needed. Know infant and child CPR, dependable, flexible and mature. Call 8951739.

Wanted: 'Grandmother' type to watch two cute, cute, cute little girls (2 year old and infant) occasionally i.e. for light illnesses, shopping excursions, etc. If interested, call 899-7154 and leave a message.

Wanted: A Minerva Park Resident(s) to volunteer on a monthly basis to sort, bundle and mail newsletter, beginning with January issue. If you have an extra hour on your hands each month and would like to help out, call the Editor at 899-7154.

Editor's note: This section is FREE of charge to Minerva Park Residents on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to list a classified, call the Editor.

# Squad 119 ... Where are you?

In September, Squad 119 made 224 runs; 22 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 10 into Minerva Park. 56 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1,542 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 14,194. The leading volunteers for the month were:

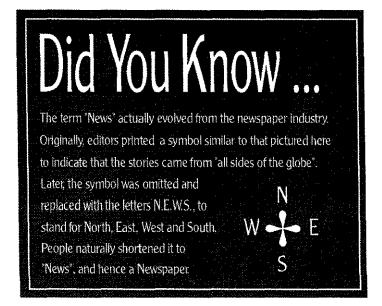
John Owens (109 hours) ◆ Frank Meredith (104 hours) ◆
Renee Wood (87 hours)

John Owens leads year-to-date (1,034 hours)

Yellow Jacket season is still with us, along with an increasing number of auto and home accidents. The squad was also dispatched to Northland Square (161 and Cleveland Ave.) several times on children locked in cars on hot, fall days. Fortunately, all were fine.

Thanks to all the residents who came to the open house on September 16th. Names were collected for our annual CPR course, which is normally given early in the new year **Anyone else who is interested in learning CPR should call Barry Brownstein at 882-1080.** Another announcement will appear before the course.

Sept. 8, 1995	161 and Westerville Rd.	Auto Accident
Sept. 16, 1995	Cleveland Ave.	Meet the Police
Sept. 16, 1995	Jordan Rd.	Possible Heart Attack
Sept. 22, 1995	Minerva Lake Rd.	Bee Sting
Sept. 23, 1995	Minerva Lake Rd.	III Person
Sept. 24, 1995	Minerva Lake Rd.	Meet the Police
Sept. 24, 1995	Rte. 3 & Minverva Lake Rd.	Working Fire
Sept. 26, 1995	Far View and 161	Auto Accident
Sept. 28, 1995	161 & Westerville Rd.	Fire
Sept. 29, 1995	Minerva Lake Rd.	Injured Person





## M.P.C.A.

Financial Report (10/94 - 9/95)



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Income		Expenses:	
Walkathon	\$ 100.00	The Villager \$	3,385.90
Interest (Bank)	164.00	Directory	1,200.00
The Villager (Ads)	994.00	N.C.C.	215.06
Membership Dues	3,874.00	Scholarship	500.00
Garage Sale	1,711.30	Misc. Supplies	11787
Directory (Ads)	1.575.00	Lake Clean Up	60.27
July 4th Projects	1,852.75	Insurance	185.00
Misc.	10.00	Garage Sale	235.33
Total Income	\$10,281.96	Children's Activities	635.73
	7-0,505.7	Bank Charge	14.70
		Minerva Flora	174.53
		Festival of Lights (Awards	48.55
(E)		Sunshine	17734
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	/k \\	Duck Food	50.00



Playground Benches

**Total Expenses** 

Difference (Minus)

Sept. 5	reported her vehicle damaged from fresh tar splashing onto
	her vehicle.

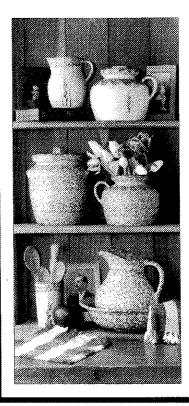
- Sept. 14 Passing Bad Checks. Known person issued checks to Gordon Food Service that were returned for insufficient funds or closed accounts.
- Sept. 26 Burglary. At 11:00 p.m., a home owner reported her vacant house broken into in the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road.
- Sept. 30 Theft. Person(s) unknown removed a lawn trimmer and leaf blower from a garage in the 2500 block of Maplewood Drive.



## Feedback: requested

We're interested in your input! Please call 899-7154 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to leave a message with your opinions, ideas and comments ... They're all welcome! We're also actively looking for closet writers, photographers and illustrators to contribute to the newsletter ... Give us your ideas! Hope to hear from you soon.

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**Council Minutes** 

A **Regular Meeting** was called to order by
Mayor Murray at 8:05 p.m. Council members
present were Eisentrout, Park-Curry, Self and Stahr
Absent: Hastings and Landy. Also present were Village Law Director Narcus
Tsiliacos, Village Engineer Lee Rupp, Police Chief Hillard, Fire Chief Garrabrandt
and Asst. Fire Chief Barry Brownstein.

#### Mayor's Report

- ◆ The Village has a new third party administrator for its health insurance coverage. It is E-V Benefits
- ◆ MORPC sent information on contract bidding limits. The Village will still follow the \$10,000 limit which is required by Ohio Revised Code.
- The Village has submitted an application for Issue 2 money for waterline replacement on Minerva Lake Road and Westbridge. May not hear anything back until early Spring, 1996.
- ◆ COPS Federal money for an additional police officer. The safety committee will be reviewing applications soon.
- ◆ New Police Cruiser A 1996 Crown Victoria would cost about \$18,800 at Ricart and about \$22,000 at Graham Ford. A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to secure bids for a new police cruiser. All ayes.

Citizen Concerns - Rolla Wagner expressed his concerns and that of his neighbors about the condition of the streets and playground after the waterline construction this summer. Lee Rupp advised that the Village is working to get the contractor to clean up and repair various areas. Their next bill will not be paid until everything is done to the Village's satisfaction.

"... Federal money (has been approved) for an additional police officer. The safety committee will be reviewing applications soon."

- Mayor Murray

Mary Yost made a presentation to council regarding the planting of trees near the playground and along the north lake. A motion was made to approve \$2,500 in the planting of trees by the playground & by the north lake. All ayes.

Mike Rosati, a Minerva Lake Road resident, spoke of his concern about the volumn and speed of traffic on Minerva Lake Road. The police department will try to spend more time on radar and traffic control in that area by the community building.

#### Committee Reports

- ◆ Community Lynn Eisentrout advised that their committee met to discuss fishing regulations by the lakes. They would like input and work on wordage for the ordinance.
- ◆ Streets Jon Self advised that some areas in the Village where water is puddling along the road will be ground down to see if that will correct the problem. There are a number of spots where the curb has deteriorated and need repairs. Jon Self made a motion to spend up to \$4,000 for curb repairs from the list.

Rumpke trucks have done some damage to the streets with the way they brake their trucks. The Mayor will check into this. Lee Rupp provided the Village with photos of all the Village easements. Some have been paved by residents, some have gravel; but he advised that the Village does no easement maintenance.

#### Legislation

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and to declare an emergency.

A resolution to amend resolution 95-3 dated March 13, 1995, "Annual Appropriation Resolution" by transferring certain monies within the general fund and to declare an emergency. A motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

A **Special Meeting** was held on September 24, 1995, with the following members present: Eisentrout, Hastings, Park-Curry and Stahr. Absent: Self and Landy. The purpose of the meeting was to accept a bid on the 1995 leaf pick-up. Three bids were reviewed by council: The Service Station - \$12,800, John McKinney - \$11,400, Davey - \$11,000. A motion was made to accept the lowest bid from Davey for \$11,000 for the 1995 leaf pick-up. All ayes.





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# My Neighborhood

As the Winter season quickly approaches and our bright sunny days become shorter, I realize that the household things I 'had all summer to accomplish' are still waiting to be completed. Don't get me wrong, I have started and completed some remodeling projects this past summer, but I do admit there are a few projects longing to be finished. For instance, a Garage Door Opener from two Christmas' past nags me to install it and to put it into service ...or at least to take it out of the box it came in!

I've found there are two sure fire ways to get that extra push for these home improvement projects: One way is to invite family over for some type of leisure activity. Let me explain. Because of a new addition to our family, there seems to be an overflowing stream of well wishers coming to our humble abode. It's funny how your eyesight gets better before your guests arrive. For instance, that one cracked tile on the kitchen floor that you thought always had character (when you're the only one looking at it) suddenly turns to an eyesore that underminds your delicate image as the family

Handyman. A bit dramatic of course, but nevertheless, it is one way to get things done.

Secondly, there's the old adage of "Keeping up with the lones". Yeah, I know, you shouldn't compete on something so trivial, but I do believe that if we all had that competitive zeal to "keep up", we would all take a little extra pride in our homes. We live in a community which prides itself in the beauty of its lakes, tree-lined streets and perfectly manacured lawns. There can be nothing wrong with trying to be the best on the block. I feel that

Minerva Park is an Oasis that can never be satisfied with what we currently have... because as we all know, Oasis' do tend dry out. But with caring, hard working civic-minded neighbors that take pride in their own homes, this community will continue to grow to be even more beautiful ... inside and out. Besides, how tough can a Garage Door Opener be to put up anyways?

Please remember to Vote on November 7th ... it's the American thing to do. Besides if you don't Vote, you give up your right to complain later on ... which of course is also the American thing to do.



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It's official now. Someone's going to take our leaves away! The contract was officially awarded to Davey Tree Expert Company at a special meeting of council on September 24th. By the time you read this, the program should be underway.

We got another "whopper" from the Columbus Division of Water They have billed us for 1994 waterline breaks in the amount of \$21,892.88. Since many of these breaks are along Minerva Lake Road, we have submitted another proposal to the state for loan assistance to replace the old lines. Except for the newer developed sections of the Village, our water mains are 66 years old, are approximately 6800 feet long, and have needed 53 repairs in the past 22 years. That comes to one repair per 130 feet of pipe (my granddaughter figured that one for me).

Our water service contract with Columbus obligates us to pay for all water main repairs in excess of the Equivalent Maintenance Ratio (EMR). The EMR is defined as 150% of the total length of water mains in the Village of Minerva Park's water distribution system divided by the total length of water mains maintained by the City of Columbus, and multiplied by the total number of water main repairs

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completed during the previous year. As a simple country boy, I don't understand these big city formulas, but I know that after two breaks per year, we get charged -- a lot.

COTA is gearing up for more taxpayer support of their bus programs. At a recent meeting, the General Manager of COTA said the fares paid by the users provide only 22% of their total operating costs. The remainder of their budget comes from grants and taxes.

Be reminded that beginning Oct. 20, 1995, if you are stopped by a law enforcement officer while driving, you must have proof of financial responsibility. This can be in the form of an insurance policy, insurance ID card, surety bond, or a BMV certificate showing financial responsibility. Quoting that credit card commercial ... "don't leave home without it". Also, don't forget to vote for the Minerva Park operating levy. This is a replacement levy that has been in place for five years and needs to be renewed to support our meager budget. Your Village officials have been very responsible and frugal with your money while trying to provide the necessary services. Remember, Confucius say, "You should dig the well before you get thirsty"!



As we have for years past, the Minerva Park Community Association will hold its annual "Festival of Lights", a highlight of some of the brightest displays of holiday festivities in the Park. Join in the fun ... pull out those Christmas lights ... and put Rudolph back on the roof. But, beware! The competition is tough!

### The Festival of Lights: Contest Rules

The judging will be approximately three weeks before Christmas (December 3·10). First place winners will be selected in six categories:



Best Outdoor Tree • Best Entrance Way • Best Whimsical
Display • Best Picture Window • Best Religious Theme •
Best Outline Effect

Winners will be listed in *The Villager* Also, households which won last year are not eligible. Judges will include both adults and teenagers from different areas of the Park. Persons interested in being a judge, please call Tim Curry at 890-5809.

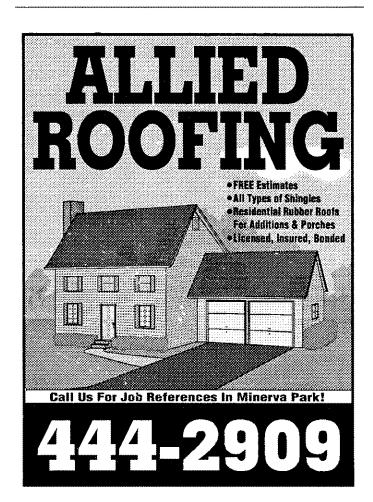


## Flora Says ...

As I write this on Oct. 12, all the annuals are still looking good, the roses are still blooming and one of the finest perennials, Sedum Autumn Joy, has changed from rose to brown.

Halloween flags are flying this week and add lots of color. The most spectacular were a black cat on a fence, silhouetted against a moon (2785 Wildwood), Mickey Mouse and a lack O'Lantern (2736 Wildwood), a lack O'Lantern on a black background with witches and a moon above (2573 Wildwood), a black cat in a pumpkin on a yellow background (2552 Wildwood), a ghost and a black cat on pumple (2668 Minerva Lake), and a lack O'Lantern with a hat on deep orchid (2559 Lakewood).

Other interesting decorations were at Robers (2545 Woodley) with com stalks around the light post along with a pumpkin and a black cat and a goose in witch's clothes accenting the front entrance along with a ghost, pumpkins and an orange and black bow. Camerons (2621 Woodley) had a skelton on the door flanked by pumpkins and lots of ghosts in the ground and in the trees. 2695 Woodley has a decorated grapevine wreath by the door with real and fake pumpkins on the steps and in the ground. The orange marigolds that are still blooming add to the color. At 2688 Woodley, there is a goose dressed as a witch and lots of other figures in the "boo zone". As you can see, Woodley-Wildwood was the center of the early Halloween decorations.



#### Suggestions from Flora This Month:

- Plant bulbs if you haven't done so already. Bone meals attract squirrels, so use "bulb booster" instead. Also use Ropel on Tulips to discourage squirrels.
- 2. Pull out dead annuals and cut off dead perennial folliage.
- 3. At the end of the month (or early December) prune Tayus, Hemlocks and Holly and use clippings for Christmas Decorations. **Do not** prune Spruce or Pines now, nor should you prune any shrubs that bloom before June 1 (Forsythia, Lilacs, etc.) or you will lose the bloom. Prune them immediately after blooming.
- 4. Using a fertilizer low in Nitrogen, fertilize the lawn, trees and shrubs.
- 5. Hill up roses and cut back to about 3 feet in late November.
- Spray broad leaf Evergreens (Rhododendron, Grape Holly, etc.) with wilt prup to cut down on water loss in Winter.



Flora.

What can we do in the Fall and Winter to help our yard look as beautiful as it does in the Spring and Summer?

The answer is in plant and tree selection. The berries on Hawthorns, Hollies and Crabapples are spectacular now and last until the birds get them in the winter. Evergreens comes in to their own especially when covered with snow. Trees that have colorful leaves should be selected when in color and early Spring bloomers like Crabs should be chosen when in bloom so that you get what you want. Maintenance is also important in maintaining good looks. Cut off stalks of Daylilies, Hostas, Yuccas and other Perennials after they bloom, cut off dead folliage and keep watering. Rake and bag leaves before leaf collection starts and after November 28 when leaf collection ends.

**Editor's Note:** Submit your questions for Flora, in care of the Editor (see page 7 for addresses and/or telephone numbers) or call Flora direct at 882-5444.

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#### Minerva Park Community Assoc.

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#### PARK PERSONALITY

NANCY AND HUSBAND HARRY HAVE LIVED IN THE PARK AT 2776 MINERVA LAKE RO FOR ONLY TWO YEARS BUT NANCY JUMPED INTO OUR PARKACT IVITIES RIGHT OFF THE BAT, THE FINS HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, HELANIE, AGE 5 AND EMILY 2. NANCY TAUGHT TIMY TOTS IN SCHOOL BEFORE HER MARRIAGE AND SHE LOVES KIDS, SHE HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF ALL CHILDRENS PROGRAMS HERE IN THE PARK AND IS GREAT AT CONDUCTING KIDS PARTIES. SHE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NEW COMERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE. HUSBAND HARRY, HER HELPER IS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DOVE-LOPMENT FOR "SALES SOFT." OUR VILLAGE IS VERY FORUMATE IN HAVING SO MANY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE SUCH AS THESE CONTRIBU-TING THIER NUMEROUS TALENTS.



### NEW PRESIDENT, M.P.C.A

AT THE SEPTE MBER MEETING. DON CHAMPNEY WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR THE MEXT TWO YEARS, A FORMER CO-UNCILMAN, HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE NEEDS OF OUR VILLAGE, HE SUCCEDES ROLLA WAGNER WHO DID A FINE JOB AND DESERVES OUR KNOOS, DON WILL UN DOUBTEDLY CONTINUE HIS GOOD WORK, BEA HULBERT IS THE NEW SECRETARY AND MARY GROSH, TREASURER







ERNIE SAYS THAT MY IPEA FOR HORSES AND CARRIAGES HERE IN THE PARK IS A GREAT IDEA AND HE KNOWS WHERE I CAN GET HALF A HORSE TO START WITH, TO WHICH CARRY RETORTS, THAT WHEN ERNIE MAKES RIS FINAL EXIT HE'S GOING TO REQUEST THAT HE BE BURIED FACE DOWN, SO SEE CAN SEE WHERE HE'S GOING.



ON AUGUST 2171995, DAVID CHAPIN OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 CONTACTED ROLLA WAGNER, MPCA PRESIDENT. TROOP 700 MEETS AT HUBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY BCHOOL, DAVE, A SENOR AT WESTER-VILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, PROPOSED THAT MINERVA PARK ALLOW HIM TO SUPERVISE THE RE-CONDITIONING OF FIVE DETERIORATING PARK BENCHES AS PART OF HIS WORK TOWARDS EAGLE SCOUT RANK, AK BID WAS ACCEPTED AND ON AUGUST 22 YORK BEGAN, MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT TROOP AND FRIENDS WOUNTEERED TO HELP, BY AUGUST 2 THE WORK WAS COMPLETED. 14 SCOUTS AND HELPERS PUT 123 MAN HOURS ON THE JOB, NATERIAL COST OF \$754 WAS PAID BY THE VILLAGE, MUCH TEDIOUS WORK WAS NEEDED IN PREPARING THE BASES, WE NOW HAVE 5 BEAUTI PULLY RE-RUILT BENCHES POR OUR VILLAGE ENDOYMENT, THANKS TO DAVE AND HIS BUIDDIES



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