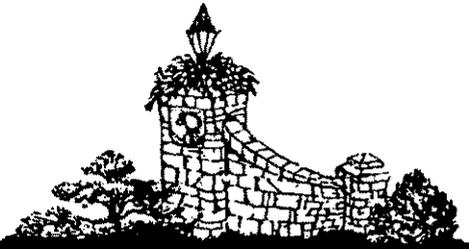


the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

New Council Representatives Begin Terms this Month

Bill Moore, 2530 Lakewood Dr., was appointed in December to fill the Minerva Park Village Council seat recently vacated by **Jeanne Blair**. He will serve the two years remaining on the 4-year term. A sales representative with Ross Labs, Bill is also a board member of the National Meals on Wheels Foundation. He and his wife, **Marla**, and children, **Katie Rossi & Mitchell Rossi**, have been residents of Minerva Park for four years.

Beginning a 4-year Council term this month is **Marty Grosh, 2587**

Briar Rose Ave. **Marty** grew up in Minerva Park and has lived in the Village with his wife, **Betty**, for four years. The retired Columbus Southern Power employee also served two terms as treasurer of the MPCA and is currently its vice president.

Incumbents **Pam Park-Curry** and **Dave Stahr** also begin new 4-year terms this month.

A remaining Council seat will be filled and new committee assignments will be made at the January 12 Council meeting. **MP**

The Villager Needs Your Help

While *The Villager's* staff has already grown, we still need additional reporters, columnists, and just regular folks to submit information or at least provide tips about area goings-on. We hope to provide locally-centered coverage on school events, senior activities, teen happenings, and Village resident honors and milestones.

Please contact the current staff:
Betty Beatrice, Editor, 899-9246
Felicia Busick, Community Reporter, 794-3862
Sharon Bierman, Design, 899-3755.



Council to Interview Candidates for Vacant Village Council Seat

The Village Council will hold a special meeting Monday, **January 12**, at the Community Building, **7:00p - 8:00p** (prior to the regular Council meeting) to interview candidates and appoint a new Council member. The seat is a 4-year term. Please call **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895** if you are interested in this position or if you have any questions. **MP**

MPCA Briefs

MPCA to Choose Community Project January 14, 7:30 p.m.

The Community Association will hear proposals and vote on a community project to fund and complete in 1998. Under consideration are new planters for the benches by the south lake, playground equipment, benches, and plants. All MPCA members are welcome to attend the meeting, make proposals, and vote on the projects. For more information, contact **Nancy Fry at 890-6845**.

MPCA Makes Holiday Contributions

In the spirit of the Holidays, the Community Association donated money to the **Mid-Ohio Food Bank** and to the **Renold J. Williams** family trust. The Northland Area resident was the armored car officer who was killed in a shooting this fall. **MP**

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 12 - 8:00p Council Meeting
- 14 - 7:30p Community Assn. Meeting
- 16 - 5:00p Villager Deadline



1997 Festival of Lights Contest

Judging for this year's contest was on December 13 in order to make the January deadline for the Villager. Although not everyone had their lights up by then, there were many beautiful displays. The judges looked for winners in six categories.

Of course, some displays fit more than one category, and some displays did not fit any of the categories very well. Even so, the judges found several potential winners in every category, and those who did not win this year will surely be in the running next year.

This year's winners and runners-up are as follows:



Best Outdoor Tree
Joan & Marvin Baker
2824 N. Bay Dr.

The display featured a large evergreen with strings of traditional big bulb lights and a star on top. The judges were curious as to how the

Flora Says

By Tim Curry, Chairman
Festival of Lights Contest

star got put on the top of the tree — quite a long way up and an impressive accomplishment!

Runner Up
Debra & Richard Walsh
5174 Lakeland Court

Trees in the front and side yards were wrapped with green lights on top and red lights on their trunks. Quite an effective view when seen from across the lake, and especially pretty to see the lights on the trees reflected in the lake.



Best Whimsical Display
Bonnie & Bill McClure
2642 Woodley Rd.

Santa in sleigh with reindeer and a small Christmas tree — all made out of lights. Blinking bulbs lining the driveway added to the excitement. Candy canes near the front walkway were a nice finishing touch.

Runner Up
Nancy & Harry Toy
2802 Wildwood Rd.

Two wooden white reindeer with red bows were illuminated with a flood light and cast interesting shadows on the front of the house. Colored globes were hung from the roof line, and Santa's sleigh was trimmed with foil. A decorated goose on the front porch added to the cheerful scene.



Best Religious Theme
Cecilia & Edward Carfagna
3081 Minerva Lake Rd.

The Three Wise Men were depicted with colored lights, while Mary & Joseph and the manger were outlined in white lights. White lights also hung from the roof. The whole scene was simple but effective.

Runner Up
Barbara & Mike Mascherino
5296 Elmhurst Ave.

Cut-out figures of two angels holding songbooks on the front lawn made one immediately think of the Christmas song, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!" A profusion of white lights on the house and shrubbery, green wreaths with red bows on the pillars, and a foil-wrapped mailbox, helped to create a tapestry of color.



Best Outline Effect
Yvonne & Bill Giammarco
2736 Wildwood Rd.

Eight reindeer pulling Santa in his sleigh, with bright lights covering a large evergreen tree, Christmas music, and a carefully decorated picture window made this display especially effective.

Runner Up
Penny & Dave Roberts
2545 Woodley Rd.

The door was wrapped with bright red gift paper, and the roof, doorways, garage, and bushes were nearly trimmed with colorful lights — the whole front of the house seemed to say, "We wish you a Merry Christmas!"



Best Entrance Way
Jean & Alden Stevers
5251 Elmhurst Ave.

Two cut-out angels with trumpets in the doorway and a wreath on the door, all brightly illuminated with a flood light, gave this entrance an especially grand appearance.

Runner Up

**Joan Harpst & Thompson Little
2934 Berry Ln.**

Very artistic doorway display, with an angel on green foil, trimmed with lights, and an attractive wreath illuminated on a brick wall.



**Best Daytime Effect
Nina & Herb Wertz
2655 Minerva Lake Rd.**

A large snowman near the front entrance waved his arms at passersby. Tall candy canes and stacks of wrapped packages were carefully positioned to complete the scene. The lights on the driveway were pretty at night, too.

Runner Up

**Joylynn & Paul Angersbach
2544 Wildwood Rd.**

The display reminded the judges of a New England Christmas, with garlands tied with red bows on the door, the windows, and the porch. The illuminated house was lovely at night, too, when the large evergreen in front was lit with white bulbs.

Although their display did not fit into any one category, the judges wanted to thank ...

**Gerline & Jack Lude
2608 Maplewood**

for an especially impressive and entertaining scene. Their house and front yard were ablaze with lights, accompanied by Santa in his sleigh and by music.

**Thanks to everyone who
participated in the 1997
Festival of Lights.
You helped make Minerva Park
prettier than ever!**



Ravine Brigade Completes First Installation

By Dave Stahr

Under the direction of **John Mathews** from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, the **Kilbourne Ravine Committee** completed its first installation of pine tree revetments (creek shore reinforcements). The installation took place behind the residence of **Kattie Young at 2641 Minerva Lake Rd.** Thirty-three pine trees were horizontally placed into position using steel cable and duck bill anchors. A span of approximately 150 feet was covered by the pine trees, and we anticipate that this first installation should help prevent additional erosion.

Tree revetments may be used alone or with dormant woody cuttings to protect the new cuttings by slowing the current along the eroding bank. The revetments decrease erosion and allow silt and sand to be deposited along the bank, within the branches of the revetment. The deposited material forms a good environment for new cuttings and a good seed bed for river trees, such as sycamore, to sprout and grow. The resulting trees spread roots throughout the revetment and streambank. By the time the revetment trees have decayed, the bank should be stabilized by the roots of the living trees. As an added benefit, tree revetments provide excellent fish and wildlife cover.

A mini-grant of \$500 was utilized to purchase the steel cable & pine trees. This grant was made available through the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources, Division of Soil & Water Conservation. There are three additional sites which have been prioritized by the Committee, and we hope to address these areas next spring.

An application has also been submitted for a cost-share grant from the **Franklin County Greenways Natureworks Program.** This grant consists of five specific areas of assistance: Tree Planting, Critical Area Planting, Critical Area Stabilization, Streambank Erosion Stabilization, and Water Erosion Control Structures. The County provides 75% of the funding for the first three items and 50% of the funding for the latter two items. The remaining costs are shared by the individual land owner or governmental entity who owns title to the property in question. No funding can be accepted without the authorization of the individual land owner or municipality. After the application has been reviewed by the Natureworks Program, the Committee will be advised, and a decision will be made to either accept or deny the grant.

Many thanks to all who helped install the pine revetments. We hope to see all of you and any other volunteers next spring:

Fred Braun	Bill Moore
Lou Busick	Marv Rhyner
Jim Delfino	Greg Roebie
Tom Dooley	Dave Stahr
Marty Grosh	Rolla Wagner
	Andy Maslowski
	MP


MINERVA PARK

DID YOU KNOW?

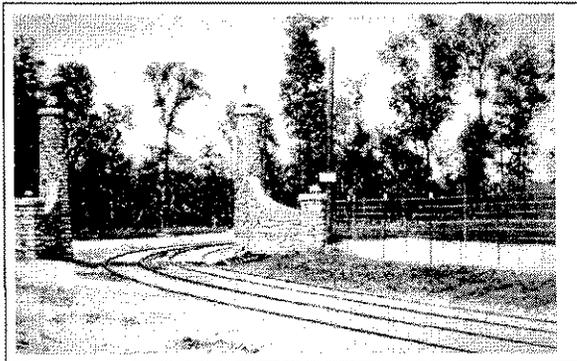
THE ROAD TO WESTERVILLE

During the turn of the century, like most cities, Columbus was enjoying a love affair with the electric street railway, better known as the trolley. The trolley was cleaner, safer and for the most part more reliable than the horse drawn carriages, wagons or the Omnibus, forerunner of today's bus. However, to the regret of the trolley companies, all routes did not prove profitable. The "Green Line" of the COLUMBUS CENTRAL (STREET) RAILWAY to Linden was one such route. To attract patrons to these routes, trolley companies needed a gimmick. They hit upon the idea of building amusement parks whereby those who wished, could travel to them on their day off for relaxation and entertainment, thereby increasing ridership and profits. Admission to these parks were usually included with the round trip ticket on the trolley. This was Minerva Park's humble beginning.

COLUMBUS CENTRAL (STREET) RAILWAY'S MINERVA PARK

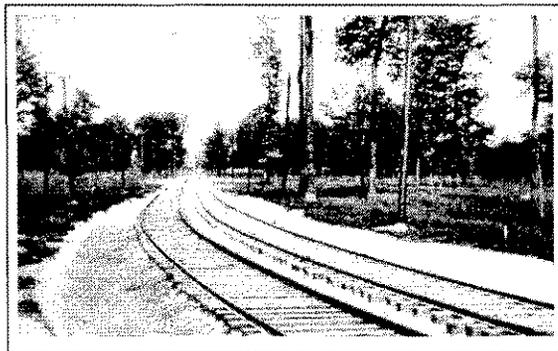
CCR decided to build their amusement park on the north side of Columbus on the old Harbor Road, nine and a half mile north of Town and High Street, and four miles south of Westerville, just south of the Granville and Worthington Road (Route 161). *The old Harbor Road was the first road laid out in Blendon Township. The route of this road was marked in 1806 by Colonel Kilbourne, but it wasn't until much later that the trees were cut and travel made easier. One story tells us that the route was called Harbor Road because it led to the harbor on Lake Eire near the City of Cleveland. Another tale tells us that this road received its name from its ancient nature. The name was originally referred to as Rogues' Harbor, for which the name Harbor is simple a briefer statement. In its early history when it was simply a mud road, and a refuge and habitat for all manner of rogues, thieves and outlaws, so that it naturally received the sobriquet Rogues' Harbor. Be that as it may, the road was one of the oldest in the state and well-used by travelers and commerce alike. Like most roads in Ohio, it was basically a rough unpaved byway through farm country. In summer it was dirty and dusty and in winter virtually impassable. Today, Harbor Road is incorporated into Cleveland Avenue.*

Prior to the construction of Minerva Park, the "Green Line" streetcar terminated at Aglar Road and Cleveland (Harbor Road) Avenue in Linden. While construction at Minerva Park progressed, the streetcar line was being extended north, effectively splitting the existing carriage road in two.



Today the track in our right hand photo would be to the south of the utility easement between Minerva Lake and Woodley Roads, looking east with the Stone Gateway and Cleveland Avenue behind us.

Near the southwest corner of the park property the streetcar line veered to the right, passing through the beautiful **STONE GATEWAY**, and proceeded east along the centerline of Minerva Park.



The last stop was originally the **WATER TOWER** of Minerva Park.

To the continued....

New Entrance Markers

At its December meeting, the Minerva Park Village Council allocated \$10,000 to build two entrance markers at the intersections of Cleveland Avenue and Minerva Lake Road & Maplewood Drive.

The markers will be stately, 10-foot-long tiered stone walls, which will include carvings of the words "Minerva Park, Established 1941" and a relief carving of the head of the goddess Minerva. They will replace the two historical pillars

demolished in 1996 for the widening of Cleveland Avenue and will be built on private property on the north side of the Minerva Lake Road and the south side of the Maplewood entrance.

About half of the total funds allocated were secured through donations to the Village by The Kroger Company (\$3,000), Warner Cable (\$1,500) and Ameritech Cable (\$1,000). Additional corporate contributions are being sought to further defray the costs.

The cost of the marker materials and carvings has been quoted by Lang Stone at \$4,518. Additional bids will be



obtained, but this amount represents a discount secured by Village resident and Lang employee Sheryl Mickley. Bids for installation and masonry work are still being collected, and so far have ranged from \$4,800 and \$6,500, according to Dave Stahr, the councilman who is overseeing the project. He is attempting to find a mason who will work alongside Village

volunteers for a reduced fee.

Pending permission from the owners of the property on which the markers will be built, the materials and engraving will be ordered in mid-January and installation will begin in March.

Stahr said the community suffered a loss of identity when the old historical markers were demolished. "The new markers will again set our community apart from the surrounding areas and make Minerva Park more appealing to current and prospective residents," he added. **MP**

MP Village Council Meeting - Report December 8, 1997

Three members were present at the December regular meeting of Council: Pam Park-Curry, Dave Stahr, and Lynn Eisentrout. Bill Moore was appointed to fill Jeanne Blair's unexpired term.

The storm gate for the pipe on the Eastbridge easement should be ready shortly and will be installed.

Dodson-Stilson has the final engineering plans done for the waterline replacement on Minerva Lake Rd. The project will replace

the lines mostly on the same side that the current lines are located, except in some instances where the new lines will be in the street. Plans for the project are available for review at the Community Building.

The culvert work on Cleveland Ave. and Minerva Lake Rd. is complete except for the fence, which should be installed in the new few weeks.

The Finance Committee met with a bond attorney to discuss putting a bond issue on the ballot for the lake-dredging project. Estimated cost of the project is \$200,000. This bond issue is

anticipated for the November 1998 ballot.

The Villager asked about the construction at the pool. It was reported that the work should be done by 12-31-97, but the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has granted a six-month extension, if needed.

The Villager also asked about when the playground mulch is going to be completed. Council advised that they will work on the project.

Council passed resolutions honoring Jeanne Blair and Bob Landy for their service as Council members. **MP**

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Stacy & Joe Hanson, with baby daughter **Paige**, moved to **5349 Park Lane Dr.** from Indianapolis IN in January 1997.

Angela & Jay Parsons with brother **Jeff Gogle** moved from Arizona to **2840 Maplewood Dr.** last October.

Warren Turner, Jr. recently moved from Dallas TX to **2848 Maplewood Dr.**

Susan & Jack Fletcher, our newest neighbors from Wisconsin, now reside at **2787 Minerva Lake Rd.**

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee by calling **Jim Kehl at 794-0047.**



**Minerva Park
Police**

11-2 ... appx. 11:00a, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 2800 block of Alder Vista Dr.

11-3 ... 5:36a, false alarm in the 2600 block of Lakewood Dr.

11-5 ... 1:04a, false alarm at Payless Quick Stop Gas Station, 5216 Cleveland Ave.

11-8 ... appx. 10:22p, person(s) unknown attempted to gain entry into a home in the 2800 block of Wildwood Rd.

11-16 . 12:22p, false alarm in the 2800 block of Maplewood Dr.

11-16 . between 2:00a - 4:00a, person(s) unknown scratched doors on a pick-up truck in the 2700 block of Alder Vista Dr.

11-17 . 11:16p, false alarm at Payless Quick Stop Gas Station, 5216 Cleveland Ave.

11-21 . between 11-20 3:30p & 11-21 7:30a, person(s) unknown attempted to gain entry into a vehicle parked at Minerva Park Place, 5460 Cleveland Ave.

Pets ...

get cold, too! Please make sure your pets are properly protected from the cold weather during these winter months. They thank you.

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

CPR Class

The Minerva Park EMS will be conducting a CPR class. If you are interested, please call **Frank Meredith at 890-7832.** **MP**

Toddler-Preschool Playgroup Forming

Some Minerva Park moms are organizing a playgroup for children ages 2 to 4. The group(s) would meet at a number of fun and educational locations throughout the year. Interested parents should contact **Felicia Busick at 794-3862** or **Tammy Bennett at 890-5913.**



Happy Birthday!

**5th - Nathan Hard
6th - Emily Stehmeyer
20th - Larry Yoakum
22nd - John Moore
28th - Tommy Dooley
31st - Phil Graves**

The TOWN PUMP

MINERVA PARK JANUARY 1998



SURE HOPE I GET A COOK BOOK OR SOME KIND OF KNICK-KNACK FROM BOBIE OTHERWISE MY COMING NEAR WILL BE PRETTY DRAG

NOT GOODBYE BUT FAREWELL



JEANNE BLAIR

POST SCRIPT

JILA SPECK WIDOW OF FORMER MAYOR MARY SPECK AND A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR VILLAGE PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 13 AT HER DAUGHTER'S HOME NORWOOD MASSACHUSETTS. SHE IS INTERRED BY SIDE HER HUSBAND WASHINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



PROCRASTINATORS AMONGST ENJOY THIS TIME OF YEAR, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON IS OVER. ONLY EVENT REQUIRING ACTION IS CAROLING DAY; FEBRUARY 2 WHEN WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF BED TO SEE IF HE GOT OUT OF BED...WEARING!

JEANNE BLAIR, WIDOW OF FORMER MAYOR DAVE, RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL SEAT SHE HAS HELD FOR TWO YEARS. REMARKABLE WOMAN: SHE AND HER HUSBAND BECAME MINERVA PARK RESIDENTS IN 1963. BOTH WERE SOON INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. NOW, REALIZING BETTER THAN MANY OF US THAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING FASTER THAN WE CAN COPE WITH SOME OF THEM, SHE DECIDED TO CALL IT A DAY AND REQUESTED RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL. STAY IN CONTACT JEANNE, YOUR OBSERVATION IS STILL ACUTE.



MARIFLORA YOST

MARIFLORA YOST HAS HUNG UP HER TOOLS FOR THE YEAR AND NOW GOES INTO WELL EARNED HIBERNATION TIL NEXT SPRING. THANKS FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR VILLAGE A SHOWPLACE MARY THE ISLANDS AT THE GOLF COURSE AND BRIAR ROSE WERE OUTSTANDING. MARY SENDS SEASONS GREETINGS AND THANKS TO HER HELPERS, WHO WERE: TIM CURRY ALISON MCARTHUR, BOB GALE, PEGGY DUSKY, BILL ZIPPERLIN, ELAINE FULKERSON, JANET KOHN, JEANNE BLAIR, ROLLA WAGNER AND JUDY WRIGHT

I MISSED THE BIRTHDAY OF LARUE WHICH WAS DEC. 12TH HE IS 98



LARUE ETLING
7590 WILDWOOD RD

THIS YOUNG MAN HOPS AROUND LIKE A 16 YEAR OLD. HE STILL DRIVES HIS CAR. HEARING IS HIS GREATEST PROBLEM

PUT YOUR AD IN THIS SPACE \$100.00

LARRY & ERNIE

ASKED IF HE HAD A NICE THANKSGIVING LARRY REPLIED: ERNIE AND I HAD A DELICIOUS DINNER OF TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS TOPPED OFF BY PUMPKIN PIE, WITH THE HOMELESS UNDER THE BRIDGE DOWNTOWN. EVEN GOT OUR PICTURES IN THE PAPER



THE CORPORATION



JIL MCGREGOR & SANDY GOGGINS
I THINK THE CORPORATION IS A COUPLE OF PIXIES! LARRY HICKS TOLD ME THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED, AND LARRY IS AN HONORABLE MAN, FORTSOUTH. HE SAYS THAT THEY, WITH THE HELP OF DUSKY'S PIG, TOUCHED THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A MAGIC WAND AND TURNED IT INTO A WINTER WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS EVE. THEY DRESSED THE PIG LIKE SANTA CLAUS AND HE FLEW AROUND SINGING JINGLE BELLS. LARRY SWEARS HE ACTUALLY SAW HIM. THIS IS ENCHANTED COUNTRY DOWN HERE IN THE BOON DOCKS. ERNIE, WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS! SAYS BUBBLES!

Minerva Park Community Association Directory Corrections

We have been advised of the following corrections to your 1997-98 Residents' Directory. Please make these changes in your copy.

If you know of any other corrections or changes, please contact **Chris Cameron at 898-7863**.

Page 2 Jim Davis, Treasurer - 891-0020

Page 35 Bonnie Limes - 882-5313 Home

Remember ...

When driving on ice, drive slower and leave a greater distance between the car in front of you. We don't want to lose you!

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A business-card size advertisement costs \$10 and must be prepaid. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and phone number.

Next deadline:

Friday, January 16, 5:00 p.m.

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