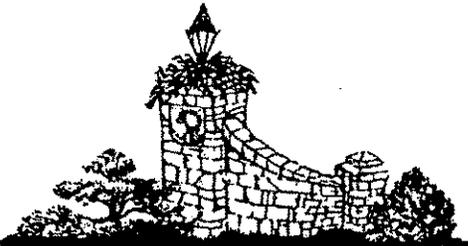


the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Busick Appointed to Village Council

Prior to its January meeting, the Minerva Park Village Council appointed Lou Busick, 2769 Minerva Lake Rd., to fill the last vacant council seat. He will serve a four-year term which began in January. Lou is the director of New Product Development for the Oasis Corporation. He has been involved with several Village improvement activities, including the MinervaFlora Committee and the project to restore the lake and Kilbourne Run ravine. He and his wife, Felicia, have been residents of Minerva Park for more than six years. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Grace. **MP**

Council wants 1998 to be the "Year of the Lake"

Later this year, Minerva Park Council will ask voters to approve a 30-year bond issue to raise approximately \$250,000 to reclaim the south lake and the creek which feeds it, Kilbourne Run. Its campaign, "1998 - The Year of the Lake," will emphasize the Council's commitment to making long-term improvements to what many consider to be the jewel in our village's crown, according to Councilman Dave Stahr, who is overseeing the project.

Over many years, the erosion of the banks of Kilbourne Run and development upstream have filled the south lake with silt to the point that some of the lake is now marsh-like and its deepest areas measure only three feet.

Solutions to the problem have been studied for years, but several factors have kept renovations from being made.

A couple of years ago, Councilman Stahr began a new study of the situation and has provided recommendations for dredging the lake and reinforcing the creek shores. Environmental studies have been completed, dredging proposals are being collected and evaluated, a site has been secured for the deposit of the sludge removed from the lake, and the services of bond attorneys Bricker & Eckler have been retained.

Public meetings to discuss the lake reclamation project and bond issue will begin early this spring. **MP**

Speak Up

The Villager encourages you to speak out about what is happening in Minerva Park. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you would like to be published in our "Letters to the Editor" section, submit them with your name, address, and phone number by the published deadline to: *The Villager*,

3201 Minerva Lake Road, or in the box at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. We may agree to publish your comments anonymously, but will not accept any submissions without knowing who wrote them. We reserve the right not to publish letters we deem inappropriate. **MP**



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 3 NCC Election of Officers
- 9 (8:00p) MP Council Meeting
- 11 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 13 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 27 NCC Annual Meeting
- Late Feb CPR Instruction

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

November 1997

In November, Medic 119 made 74 runs, including four into Minerva Park and 21 into other areas of Blendon Township — 37 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1,244 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 15,104. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur** (182 hours), **Jonathan Shinkle** (121 hours), and **Frank Meredith** (103.5 hours). **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 1,100.3 hours.

December 1997

In December, Medic 119 made 82 runs, including six into Minerva Park and 18 into other areas of Blendon Township — 39 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Yearly totals: 981 total runs, with 62 in Minerva Park and 292 in other areas of Blendon Township.

CPR Class

The Minerva Park EMS will be conducting a CPR class in late February. For more information, call **Frank Meredith** at 890-7832.

MP Runs

- 11-12 .. Cleveland Ave., chest pain
- 11-15 .. Minerva Lake Rd., ill person
- 11-20 .. Minerva Lake Rd., possible stroke
- 11-23 .. Lakewood Dr., allergic reaction
- 12-1 Minerva Lake Rd., chest pain
- 12-3 Minerva Lake Rd., possible heart attack
- 12-4 Cleveland Ave., ill person
- 12-4 Minerva Lake Rd., stove fire
- 12-17 .. Maplewood Dr., injured person
- 12-29 .. Minerva Lake Rd., ill person

In the ...

NEWS

Student of the Month

Melanie Fry, daughter of Harry & Nancy Fry, was chosen as Student of the Month for December in Mrs. Weisenberg's 1st-grade class at Hawthorne Elementary.

Recent Nuptials

MP residents **Joan Harpst & Thompson Little** were married on January 3 in a small ceremony at St. Elizabeth Church. The Littles live on Berry Lane Court.

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.



Upcoming Events

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 4**, on the lawn at **Hawthorne Elementary School**. This year, we will have four age groups, and we are going to stagger the starting times. All groups will begin **promptly** at their starting times. **Don't be late!**

- 10:40a Babies through age 2
- 10:50a 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds
- 11:00a .. Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2
- 11:10a Grades, 3, 4, & 5



The Egg Hunt is the Children's Committee's biggest event of the year. We need help on the day of the egg hunt and before! There will be an **egg stuffing get-together** at the Community Building on **Thursday, March 19**, at 7:30p. **Please volunteer to help** — it takes a lot of people to make the egg hunt a success. Call **Nancy Fry** at 890-6845 or **Tammy Bennett** at 890-5913 if you can help.



So you can start making plans ... the MP annual **garage sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 16**. In upcoming *Villager* issues, there will be more information concerning registration, the collective group advertising, information packets for the participating homeowners, etc.



Preparation is the KEY

This hardly seems like the season for gardening, but some of the most important work of the year needs to be done now. It all comes under the word, "planning." Once the leaves fall, your property is going to look the same for the following five months (except for the Christmas decorations which are down by now).

This is the time to ...

give your yard a good appraisal.

Would an evergreen planted near the street **make your yard seem deeper**? Should an evergreen ground cover be added under trees to **give a better winter look**? (In shady areas, masses of pachysandra or myrtle do a great job and also do well in those spots where the grass never grows well over roots.) Are the **deciduous trees getting too big for their spaces or creating too much shade**? (Good tree men can see well now to thin trees by removing crossing branches and shape them with lateral pruning [do not have trees topped!]. Call now before everyone else gets the same idea some nice spring day, and you find the workers are booked up for a month or more.)

Be sure to take a look at the

Flora Says

By Mary Yost

sides of your house. Last autumn, when we were choosing outstanding landscaping in Minerva Park, someone suggested a home to me, and I agreed. But later, as I rode by from the other direction, I turned around for a second look and found myself gazing at an unattractive blank side wall. Don't forget to check what your neighbors see when they drive by, looking out of their rear-view windows.

Also, look out all of your own windows around the house. Do you have something pleasant to view? A six-foot board fence can hide a multitude of sins, but you and your guests will have to look at the junk. A shed may be a necessity, but it can be screened by a nice evergreen planting ... or it can be landscaped like a small house. Careful attention should be given to the location of firewood and mulch piles. Remember, this is your "**outdoor living room.**"

What is good to look at in winter? The most important of all are **evergreens**. **Taxus** and **hemlocks** take shade, but most others need a sunny location. Try to use various shades of green and blue foliage, and both broad-leaved and needled plants. There are some of each to fit every location. **Hollies** have colored berries. Some shrubs and trees have colorful bark. And consider a variety of decorative yard **flags** (like the **Curry family at 2559 Lakewood**). Maybe your **front door** needs a different color to make the entrance more inviting. Perhaps your **goose** needs a new

outfit, or you may decide to browse the garden stores for a couple of nice garden **ornaments**.

By now, you have probably received several garden catalogues in the mail. If you haven't check with other gardeners (like **Jeanne Blair** and **Shirley Jones**) for their spares or for addresses of companies like **Wayside, Park Seed, White Flower Farm, or Shady Oaks**.

After making your list of the plants you simply can't resist, check with nurseries in the area to if the plants are available locally. If so, wait. You stand a better

Congratulations

Mae & John Dawson of 2681 Lakewood Dr. are winners of the **MPCA 1997 Garden Award**, for having the best mid-autumn garden.

This year's award will be given to the best early spring garden. Judging will take place in late April to early May, weather permitting.

chance of getting larger plants at the correct planting time. If only one nursery carries them, hurry to place your order so you won't be disappointed. Determine where you'll plant now, before the plants arrive, taking into account their size when fully grown and their preference for sun or shade. If abundant blooms are the major attraction, consider their background. A pink or red variety shows off better against a white house than does a white-blooming plant.

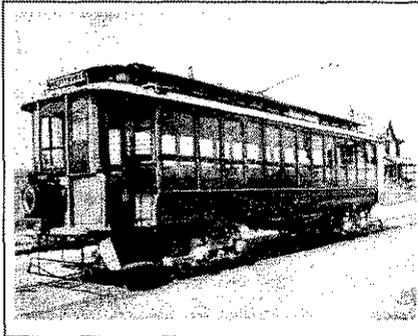
Other things to do ... Start cutting back ornamental grasses, gently shake snow off evergreens, and watch for the first little bulbs (like **winter aconite & showdrops**) to open - spring is coming!

MP

MINERVA PARK

DID YOU KNOW?

THE ROAD TO WESTERVILLE (Continued)

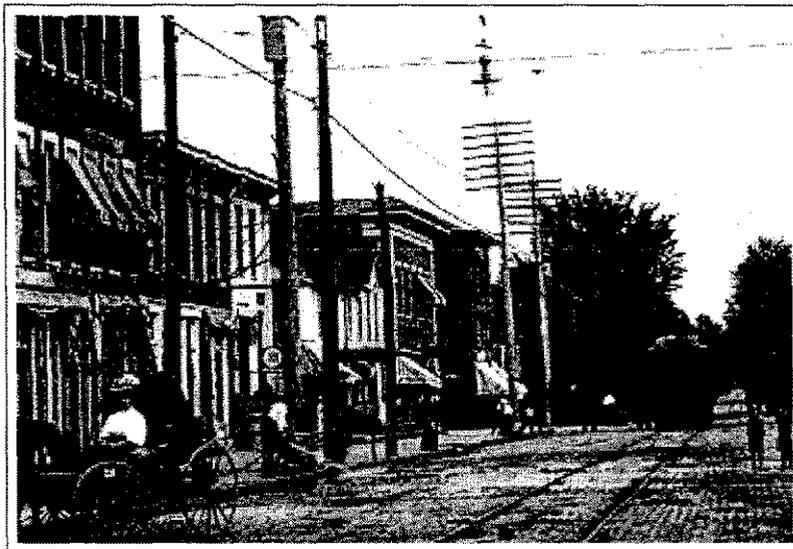


Due to the popularity of the streetcar line, and at the urging of the City of Westerville, the Columbus Central Railway continued construction of their "Green Line" north toward Westerville. A wooden **TRESTLE BRIDGE** was built just five yards south of the present Minerva Lake Road between the present North and South Lakes with a single track laid on top. You can see the trestle bridge just under the carriage bridge in the photo on the left, we are looking south. The line continued east along what today is the utility easement

for houses on the south side of Minerva Lake Road. You can see one of the culvert bridges built for the trolley at the rear of 3071 Minerva Lake Road. The track continued due east until it struck the Clinton and Blendon Pike, a mile and a half south of the Alum Creek bridge. At this junction the tracks turned due north towards Westerville.



The Clinton and Blendon Pike was built by a stock company known by the name of the Clinton and Blendon Plank Road Company. The company was organized in 1853, and built the eight mile road at a cost of \$16,000 from the "forks", or as it is now called, Lockwin Avenue in Linden to County Line Road north of Westerville. The plank structure was constructed in the middle of the old mud road and was considered something wonderful in those days. The foundation was made of heavy stringers running lengthwise of the road, on top with heavy planks, making a roadway eight feet wide. This lasted for probably 10 years before it began to seriously show the ravages of time, and then as it gave way, the worn out portions were filled in with gravel for the foundation of the new road that was built. During the excavation for the trolley tracks, parts of this old plank structure were dug up. Today the Clinton and Blendon Plank Road is known as the Westerville Toll Road (Route 3).



On Sept 19, 1895 the Minerva Park "Green Line" was completed to the City of Westerville, passing through the center of State Street.

The entire line from Linden to Westerville was constructed with six inches of crushed rock thoroughly tempered and rolled before the ties were placed. The rails were made by the Illinois Steel Co., of Chicago, they were "T" shaped and each weighed fifty-six pounds to the yard.

The streetcar's average rate of speed along the entire route was 12 miles an hour. It would take 45 minutes to one hour to travel from Westerville to downtown Columbus.

To be continued.....

10th in the series

BLOCK WATCH

Our neighborhood is undertaking a program to reduce the opportunity for residential crimes to occur by establishing a block watch. This network of concerned citizens will communicate with other neighbors and the MP Police Dept. regarding crime-related problems.

Two training sessions have been scheduled: **March 16 & March 23, 7:00p - 9:00p**, at the **Community Building**. This month, we will contact those residents who expressed interest by filling out the survey last year. Anyone else who would like to participate, too, is welcome and may contact either **Chief Bob Hillard at 882-1408** or **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895**.

Northland Community Council

The 21 communities comprising the Northland Community Council will elect officers at the regular **Tuesday, February 3**, meeting.

New officers will be sworn in at the NCC annual meeting on **Friday, February 27**, at Little Turtle Country Club.

The Development Committee is currently dealing with multi-family projects near Hamilton & Morse, an assisted-living project off Cooper Road, and an update of the Northland Plan.

MPCA Children's Christmas Party ... and Easter Egg Hunt

Once again this year, Minerva Park children were fortunate to spend some time with Jolly Ole St. Nick. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit with kids, get his picture taken, and help lead the children in traditional Christmas carols.

The party was attended by 37 children, a great turnout for a cold December 7! The kids got their pictures taken with Santa and decorated a picture holder for the special picture. There were also other crafts and games to keep the children busy.

Snacks were provided, and fun was had by all when **Jenny Johnston** helped Santa lead everyone in carols.

We extend our special thanks to **Tim Becker** and **Rebecca MacDowell**.



... and to Santa's helpers:

Bakers: **Tammy Bennett, Jeanne Blair, Felicia Busick, Lynn Eisentrout, Rella Kehl, and Jean Ridenour** (mother of Suzanne Coulter).

Set-up: **Tammy Bennett, Michelle Cunningham, and Nancy Fry**.

Craft Workers: **Tammy Bennett, Felicia Busick, Janet Kohn & daughter Carrie Kohn, Angela Parsons, Karen Rhodes, and Jeri Wunderle**.

... and to **Claudette Shannon** for again making the wonderful chocolate suckers that Santa handed out to the children. This took a lot of time and hard work, and the Children's Committee is very appreciative.

The next children's event is the Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 4**. Look on page 2 for the timing details. We need helpers ... for stuffing eggs, and for other things. Please contact **Tammy Bennett at 890-5913** or **Suzanne Coulter at 891-7346** if you can help.

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The Villager is distributed to all Minerva Park homes on the 1st Monday of each month inside a plastic hang bag - either alone or with advertising flyers. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest by the deadline. There is a drop box at the editor's home and at the Community Building.

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, February 13, 5:00 p.m.

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Charles Knight, our most recent new neighbor from Newark, re-sides at **2719 Lakewood**.

Deryl Payne, raised in Fredericktown, has moved from West Virginia to **3082 Minerva Lake Rd.**

Dolores Luptak, formerly living at Westerville's Foxtrail Circle E., now resides at **2818 Minerva Lake Rd.**

Teresa & Martin Bridgette, with son **Darragh** (15 mo), have moved from Sunbury Rd. to **2676 Minerva Lake Rd.** Their origin is Dublin, Ireland, just 7 years ago.

Lisa & Edward Hard with sons, **Andrew** (6) and **Matthew** (2), moved to **2821 Maplewood**. Dr. Edward's parents also live in Minerva Park.

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



Minerva Park Police

- 12-7 ... 11-year-old reported missing, 2700 block of Lakewood Dr. — later found and returned home.
- 12-7 ... appx. 4:00p, at 5254 Cleveland Ave., a clerk was threatened by an irate customer.
- 12-9 ... appx. 3:40p, at 5312 Cleveland Ave., the business owner was threatened by an irate job seeker.
- 12-10 . on 12/6, merchandise was ordered with the credit card of a Minerva Lake Rd. resident.
- 12-13 . appx. 7:30p, 5400 Cleveland Ave., cashier was robbed at gun point.
- 12-14 . appx. 2:20p, 5400 Cleveland Ave., shopper fled without paying \$622.
- 12-15 . at 2:15p, 5400 block of Parklane Dr., false alarm.
- 12-16 . 2:20a, 5216 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 12-23 . 2:30p, 5400 block of Parklane Ct., false alarm.
- 12-25 . appx. 4:20p, 2600 block of Alder Vista Dr., false alarm.

Happy Birthday!

- 5 - Ted Hamilton
- 7 - Valarie Fritsche
- 9 - Alison McArthur-Laudon

- 13 - Barbie Best
- 23 - Josh Buckingham
- 24 - Jim Davis
- 25 - Marna Laudon

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HELP!

MINERVA PARK FEBRUARY 1998

AS YOU CAN SEE BY LOOKING AT THIS PAGE, I NEED HELP. IF YOU HAVE NEWS OR IDEAS I CAN USE, CALL ME. I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT. FOR IT - RAY BOUGHNER 882-7474

A CRIMINAL?

"THE PIG MADE ME DO IT"



YOU NEVER CAN TELL BY LOOKS ALONE HAVING A GROUNDHOG DIGGING UNDER HER HOUSE, JERI WUNDERLEE GOT A "LIVE TRAP" AND SET IT OUT TO GET HIM. INSTEAD A SQUIRELL GOT IN AND WAS CONFINED. A KINDLY NEIGHBOR SAW IT AND CALLED THE LAW. BEFORE THE KGA SWAT TEAM GOT THERE, JERI SAW THE SQUIRELL AND RELEASED IT. SO THE GENDARMS HAD NOTHING ABOUT WHICH TO CONTACT INTERPOL. HOWEVER, SHE WAS TAKEN DOWN, MUGGED AND FINGERPRINTED AND HER PICTURE PUT ON A.R.B. TO SEE IF SHE HAD A RECORD ELSEWHERE. SHE SAYS SHE'LL LIVE WITH THE GROUNDHOG RATHER THAN GO THRU SUCH AN ORDEAL AGAIN. PICK PAUGH CAN TELL HER WHAT GROUNDHOGS LIKE TO EAT.



GROUNDHOG DAY FEBRUARY 2

THIS PAGE IS DEVOTED TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DO.

THE CANADIAN SNOW BIRDS ARE BACK IN SOUTH CANADA (FLORIDA PANHANDLE), WHERE THEY GRUDGILY ALLOW US NATIVES TO PLAY ON THE SAME GOLF COURSES WITH THEM.

by Ray Boughner

CRISIS, CRISIS, CRISIS.



EL-NINO

EVERYTHING UNPLEASANT THAT HAPPENS THESE DAYS IS A CRISIS. FLOODS, EARTHQUAKES, SNOW, TORNADOES, FIRES - OUT WEST EVERYTHING NEGATIVE THAT HAPPENS ANYWHERE IS BLAMED ON "EL NINO" (LITTLE BOY) IN SPANISH. IT IS A HOT SPOT IN THE PACIFIC OFF THE COAST OF PERU, SOME 5000 MILES SOUTH. HMM... CALIFORNIANS HAVE CREATED AN EL NINO DOLL WHICH THEY CAN PUNCH EVERY TIME THINGS GO HAYWIRE.

HERE IN MINERVA PARK WE HAVE MANY SIMILAR PROBLEMS. WE ALSO HAVE AN EVIL SPIRIT ON WHICH TO BLAME THEM, "DUSKY'S PIG". WHEN OUR LIGHTS GO OUT, FALSE ALARMS IN HOMES AND BUSINESSES, WATERLINE BREAKS, TREES BLOWING DOWN AND CREEK BANK EROSION DUE TO PIG DIGGING FOR TRUFFLES. BUT OUR DIRE CONCERN NOW IS DUST MITES. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER SMOKED A CIGARETTE ARE DEMISING BECAUSE OF THESE INSIDIOUS PESTS, WHICH ARE CARRIED BY THE DUSKY PIG. THIS IS A CRISIS THAT MUST BE MET NOW! WE 80. AND 90 YEAR OLD KIDS ARE PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE, IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT FACED IMMEDIATELY MANY OF US MAY NOT BE AROUND TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEDICARE IN OUR OLD AGE. **WE NEED A REASONABLE FAC-SMILE OF THE HOG TO KICK AROUND IN TIMES OF STRESS.**



THE NOTORIOUS DUSKY PIG

LARRY & ERNIE

DRIVING PAST ERNIE'S HOUSE THE OTHER DAY I SAW HIM WAVING HIS ARMS AND MAKING LIKE A BIRD ABOUT TO TAKE OFF FROM THE ROOF



WONDER HOW HIS DECEASED ATTACK CAT WOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS.



I DIDN'T STOP TO SEE THE TRAGIC RESULT, SINCE I'M ALLERGIC TO TWISTED TREE LIMBS AND MANGLED SHRUBBERY.

LARRY DISCOVERED A MOUSE IN HIS HOUSE. HE IS FEEDING AND MAKING A PET OF IT. THIS WILL BE AN ADDITION TO THE RACCOON WHICH ADOPTED HIS CHIMNEY FOR HOME SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

DICK PALGH HAS A TURTLE THAT HE STOLE FROM GALAPAGOS. IT WAS A BABY AND HE STUFFED UNDER HIS SHIRT SO HE LOOKED LIKE ANY OLD FAT MAN. IT NOW WEIGHS 400 POUNDS AND HE USES IT FOR A PICNIC TABLE. ONE OF OUR WOMEN HERE IN THE PARK STARS IN THE PICTURE "TITANIC". SHE PLAYS AN ICEBERG. NO DISHES TO WASH. IT TAKES EVERYTHING BACK INTO THE LAKE.

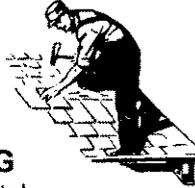


IN THE WINTER IT SLEEPS UNDER HIS HOME. EVERY TIME IT ROLLS OVER THE HOUSE SHAKES, SAYS HE HAS TO TURN THE THERMOSTAT UNCOMFORTABLY HIGH TO KEEP IT WARM

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Suzanne Coulter
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