

the Villager



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Council to put Larger Bond Issue on November Ballot

Minerva Park Council members voted 5 to 1 last month to put a \$365,000 lake restoration bond issue on the November ballot. Council members Lou Busick, Lynn Eisentrout, Marty Grosh, Pam Park-Curry, and Dave Stahr voted to increase the proposed amount. Bill Moore dissented.

The decision to increase the bond from the previously discussed \$250,000 amount was based on resident responses to the survey distributed in last month's *Villager*. The survey asked residents to decide if they would support a full restoration of the south lake at a cost of \$365,000 or if the village should stick with its original proposal to dredge the almost-filled, western third of the lake at a cost of \$250,000. Both plans would include aeration, restocking, and shoreline

improvements. The survey was developed after several residents said they would be willing to pay a bit more to see the entire lake restored to near its original depth.

Stahr said that copies of lake engineering studies and village maps are available for residents to study. They can be obtained from Stahr (890-8819) or another council member. If the November bond issue passes, work on the lake will begin in early spring 1999 and will take approximately three months to complete.

"On behalf of the village council, we wish to thank all who responded to the recent survey regarding the lake restoration project," said Councilman Stahr. **MP**

See "Village Views" on page 5 for survey comments.

Garage Sale Proceeds Still Outstanding

Donations from the garage sale are still trickling in, but more than 20 registered homes have not made their 10% contribution. Every year the MPCA organizes this 100-home event in exchange for a small registration fee and 10% of the proceeds. Most donations cost residents far less than the cost of an ad, and the event draws big crowds.

The MPCA thanks all the residents who have contributed to this community fundraiser. Your

donations help pay for the *Villager*, an annual directory, holiday events, Founders' Day, college scholarships, village gardens, and community improvement projects.

If you have not paid your 10% to the MPCA, please honor your pledge immediately by sending a **check to Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood**, or dropping it at the Community Building. Residents who do not pay will not be included in next year's event. **MP**

Results of Lake Restoration Survey

124 returned
94 (76%) - full restoration
20 (16%) - no restoration
8 (6%) - partial restoration

A full restoration would average \$4/month for 17 years ... figures are based on a 5½% interest rate and a home with an assessed value of \$100,000.

The council will "make every effort to secure corporate funding and public & private grants to retire the debt early," says Dave Stahr, councilman heading the project.

Directory Update

The new directory is due out soon. Please check your listing and report any changes by 8-17-98 to:

Chris Cameron
2621 Woodley, 898-7863
Want to advertise? Call:
Sharon Bierman 899-3755

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 10 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 12 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 15 (5:00p) Corn Roast
- 19 (6:30p) Kindergarten Meet
- 21 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 31 Directory Deadline

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray

The bids for the **waterline replacement** on Minerva Lake Rd. have been received, and the work has been awarded to **Stillion Brothers**, which did one of the projects on the south side of the park.

A 2-year contract has been awarded to **Rumpke** for our **trash pick-up**. There was only one other bid, from U.S. Waste of Ohio. Rumpke submitted the lower bid by about \$7,000, so we will pay \$66,267 per year for the next 2 years. Remember, trash pick-up is scheduled for each Wednesday. But if New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, trash pick-up for that week is on Thursday.

How about the large **Minerva Park monuments** along Cleveland Avenue! Some of the cost was paid with donations from **Ameritech**,

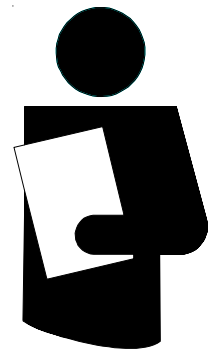
Kroger, and **Time Warner**. The cost to the village was \$5,408.

Several homes in the Park Lane area are experiencing **flooding problems after heavy rains**. Our village engineer is preparing a proposal to correct the conditions causing water collection. There is also a storm water collection point on Maplewood that needs attention. A contractor has agreed to do the needed work for \$500. This work should be completed in July.

Did you have your car washed at the **EMS car wash**? They made \$280 and met a lot of nice people ... some had their cars washed even though they weren't dirty!

Council approved the village's **interim 1999 budget**.

We are having some major problems with **geese** around the lake area. Council discussed the problem at length, making numerous suggestions ... including signs asking people not to feed the waterfowl.



If you drive on the **north outerbelt**, be aware of the 55 mph speed limit during construction. The Columbus police are monitoring daily!

Do you know ... If a man makes a statement in the woods and his wife is not there to hear him, is he still wrong? **MP**

MPCA Notes

Kindergarten Meet & Play

Is your child entering kindergarten this fall? Meet other school-bound kids and their parents at the 4th annual Kindergarten Meet & Play on **August 19** from **6:30p - 7:30p** at the **Alder Vista playground**. The whole family is welcome. For information, call **Nancy Fry** at **890-6845**.

1998-99 Officers & Committee Chairs

The MPCA will accept nominations for association officers and Northland Community Council representatives at its **August 12** meeting. Elections for these posts will be held **September 16**. The MPCA is also looking for residents to chair and serve on several committees. Please contact **Nancy Fry** at **890-6845** if you are interested.

Corn Roast - 35 Years in the Swim

By MP Swim Club Board

The 1998 swim season at Minerva Park is well under way. This year, we will be celebrating our 35th year of summer fun!

The pool board is once again gearing up for our annual corn roast and auction. All residents and their families and friends are invited to join us for an evening of food and fun for all ages. We will have pictures from our pool's beginning in 1963 to present ... and of all the people who have helped make the swim club an important part of the community. Hope to see you there.

Saturday, August 15

Minerva Park Pool

5p - 7p Food served

6p Auction begins

Adults - \$8

Children 5-12 years - \$4.50

Children under 5 - free

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Tickets

are available at the pool beginning

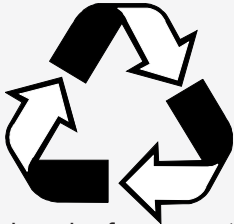
August 1

Adults - \$7

Children 5-12 years - \$4



Rumpke Recycling



Got a bunch of orange stickers on your recycling bin? You've probably tried to recycle something our refuse collector, Rumpke, won't take. Here's a list of what they consider recyclable:

Paper: magazines, newspapers, telephone books (on a seasonal basis).

Boxes/Cartons: fluted cardboard packing and pizza boxes, children's drink boxes, milk and juice cartons with gabled lids.

Glass: clear, green, and brown bottles and jars.

Plastics: plastic containers marked with #1 or #2.

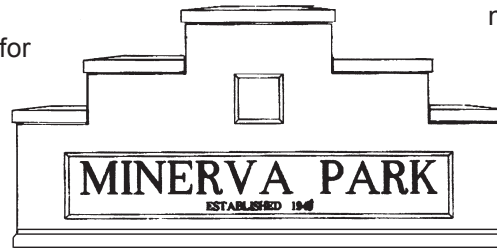
Metal: aluminum beverage cans, clean aluminum pie plates and foil, tin/steel cans used for soup and tuna, etc.

Pillars Dedicated on First Founders' Day

Representatives from **Ameritech**, **Kroger**, **Warner Cable**, and the village dedicated the new stone entry markers during the village's first Founders' Day celebration, July 25. The village thanked

the corporate representatives for the donations that made the project possible. A **time capsule** was placed in

the Minerva Lake Road marker during the ceremony. Its contents, which represent the village in 1998, included a village phone directory, newspaper articles related to Minerva Park, recent



copies of the *Villager* explaining the lake initiative and other current projects, recent photos of the lake, and pool-related items. A

second time capsule will be installed in the other

marker, that one representing

Minerva Park's historical beginnings as a turn-of-

century amusement park through its incorporation as a village. If you have a historical item you would like to be considered for the second time capsule, please contact **Dave Stahr** at **890-8819**.

A 21-Gun Salute to Everyone ...

By Councilman Dave Stahr

If you like the appearance of the new entrance markers at Cleveland Ave., you can thank **Fred Braun**, chief supervisor on the project. Without the help of Fred and **Shoemaker Rental** (which provided the Bobcat), the stone, debris, and dirt would still be at the entrance. A special 'thanks' goes to property-owners **Deneen Farley** and **Marilyn Herboltzheimer** for the use of their land! Many, many thanks to everyone, including **Eric Chenevey** (village engineer), **Narcus Tsiliacos**

(village solicitor), councilman **Lou Busick**, and councilman **Bill Moore**, whose backs will never be the same.

Without the financial generosity of the **Kroger Company**, **Time Warner Communications**, and **Ameritech**, the project would have had no beginning. A debt of gratitude is also in order for **Bob Mulbay Masonry** who came through at the 11th hour of the construction process. Last but not least is my wife, **Jody**, who put up with me through the entire project.

Founders' Day

Watch for Founder's Day event details and a list of contest winners and contributors in the *Villager* September issue.

Don't Forget ...

OHIO

When getting or renewing your license plates, indicate Minerva Park as your residence. Some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!

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Pet Care - 14-year-old boy will take care of your pets while you are away ... small animals in his home ... dogs & cats in yours. Several years' experience. Call Steve at 891-2532.



Morrison Joins Villager Staff

Bob Morrison joined the Villager staff in July as head of advertising sales. He will also sell ads for the 1998-99 resident directory, due out in September/October.

Morrison is the proprietor of Great Pizza, a restaurant near the corner of Cleveland Ave, & Rt. 161. He is also the commissioner of the Junior Football League of Westerville, which plays at Hawthorne Elementary on Sundays in the fall. Morrison, wife Ellen, and son Zach have lived on Alder Vista since February 1997.

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

John & Darlene Bagshaw from Atlanta GA have moved into 2550 Woodley Rd.

Jim & Alice Tully of Worthington are moving to 2636 Woodley Rd.

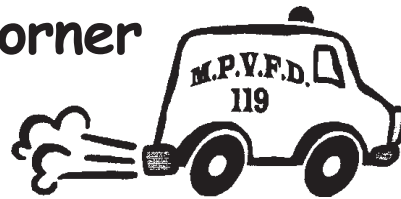
Rev. Scott & Lynette Waibel, Zach (16), Carrie (11) & Heidi (6) have moved to 2945 Kerrwood Dr. from Stoutsville OH.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee Jim Kehi, 794-0047

Mowing & Trimming - Joshua Buckingham, Minerva Park resident & student. 890-5316.

Safety Corner

By your Fire Department



Heat Emergencies

There are some very simple things you can do to prevent problems from a heat emergency ... caused by a breakdown of the body's ability to cool itself in the presence of overwhelming heat. To avoid the problem, limit your exposure to hot, humid environments and drink plenty of water.

Experts recommend that we each drink eight cups (64 oz.) of water every day; drinking water can actually help you avoid a heat emergency. Most of the heat emergency cases we see are significantly compounded by dehydration. Take a big glass or a sipper bottle with you when you plan to spend a long time in a hot place.

If you begin to feel dizzy, weak,

nauseous, or your skin feels cool and clammy in a hot environment, move to a cooler place immediately and call 911. This is a condition known as heat exhaustion, which is caused by the body losing its ability to cool itself. Treatment involves gently helping the body to cool off.

Heat exhaustion should have no long-term effects if treated quickly. If it is left to run its course, however, heat exhaustion may lead to heat stroke, which is characterized by bright red skin and semi-consciousness or unconsciousness. This is the complete failure of the body's cooling system, which can soon be fatal.

Stay well, stay safe. For help any time, call 911.

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the Villager Staff

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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, letters to the editor, & other items of interest by the deadline. Use the drop box at the Community Building or on the Editor's front door.

A business-card size advertisement costs \$15 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, August 21, 5:00 p.m.



Comments from Lake Restoration Survey

■ Several residents said they thought the village should install fences or trees along the backs of properties on Maplewood Drive.

■ One respondent suggested stirring up the sludge and releasing it over the dam. Councilman Dave Stahr, heading the lake restoration project, said that technique would be inadequate to dispose of the more than five million gallons of sludge in the south lake.

■ Another respondent believed the families who lived on the lake should be assessed for the project because they own the property and will benefit most from dredging. Stahr clarified that there is no private ownership along the shorelines of the south lake – the shoreline is reserve land owned by the village. He added that those residents along the lake have not benefited from their location for many years. They have suffered with mosquito problems, odors, refuse deposits, and a general loss of aesthetic beauty with no recourse for correcting the problem.

■ “The uniqueness of this community must be retained. Too often small enclaves such as ours are swallowed up by ‘big brother’ because we can’t hold on to our community because of maintenance needs. I’m proud to live in Minerva Park.”

■ One resident, 80 years young, hoped the full project would come

to pass.

■ Another 38-year resident, not living on the lake, said that the lake was a primary reason for moving to the village. They remember the lake in its glory days when the children would fish and ice skate.

**Letter to the Editor
6-98**

What is it going to take to stop the speeding along Minerva Lake Road? Yesterday morning as I drove east past the lakes, I came upon one of our beautiful white ducks lying dead in the road ... feathers and blood everywhere and, ironically, right between the two “duck crossing” signs.

The ducks are an integral part of our village’s charm ... our children are much more.

Kathy Rosati
2806 Minerva Lake Road

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

June 1998

In June, Medic 119 made 56 runs with 15 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 3 into Minerva Park. Thirty-four patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 734.3 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 6,420.2. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tom Pickett** (94 hours), **Aaron Wilbur** (81 hours), and **Mike Ostrander** (60 hours). **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 779 hours.

MP Runs

- 6-1 Rt. 161 & Fairview - motor vehicle accident.
- 6-11 ... Cleveland Ave. - diabetic person.
- 6-24 ... Cleveland Ave. - ill person.



**Minerva Park
Police**

- 6-1 8:10p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., female walking east robbed of \$70 cash.
- 6-1 5:12p, 5242 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 6-4 4:28a, Hawthorne Elementary School, stolen vehicle recovered.
- 6-7 8:28p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., menacing threats over the Internet.
- 6-9 Maplewood Dr. playground, section of fence removed.
- 6-12 ... 7:06p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 6-13 ... 8:49p, 2700 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm.
- 6-15 ... 3:06p, 2600 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm.
- 6-16 ... 3:25p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 6-16 ... 9:14p, 5428 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 6-16 ... Hawthorne Elementary, purse stolen.
- 6-22 ... 5:15p, 5254 Cleveland Ave., threatening phone call.
- 6-23 ... 1:30a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., assault & arrest.
- 6-24 ... 2:25p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., threat.
- 6-27 ... 2505 Woodley Rd., telephone lines cut.
- 6-28 ... 5:23p, 2600 blk Woodley Rd., false alarm.
- 6-29 ... 5460 Cleveland Ave., nursing home resident passed away.
- 6-30 ... 5460 Cleveland Ave., cigarette case containing \$102 stolen.

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In our Neighborhood

Because Flora realizes that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Flora often asks other people to ride with her to help pick out spots of beauty. Selections this month are colored by the opinions of **Mary Alice Busick (2824 Maplewood)**, who particularly liked well-proportioned, curving planting beds. We particularly admired:

2530 Minerva Lake Rd. (Walz) - Lots of red & white begonias, red geraniums, and an overall neat, clean look with the white house.

2749 Minerva Lake Rd. (Quisno) - A vine climbing the house, a large plant on the porch, front beds following the curved driveway, a natural wood bench against the stone façade, many trees out front.

2840 Minerva Lake Rd. (Buelow)

Flora Says

By Mary Yost

- Lemon yellow day lilies, purple balloon flowers, yellow moonbeam coreopsis, & purple coneflowers.

2890 Kerrwood (Hutcheson) - Neatly edged, curved bed surrounding 3 visible sides of the house, annuals & newly-planted small shrubs.

5239 East Shore Dr. (Wright) - Rose-colored geraniums & dusty miller in front of the grey stone house.

2736 Wildwood (Giammarco) - Nice sculptural shapes to the garden.

2709 Wildwood (Naylon) - Interesting planters filled with pink, lavender, yellow, & white flowers; window boxes with dark pink impatiens.

2655 Wildwood (Dilman) - Shade-loving annuals - beautiful as usual.

2612 Woodley (Rutherford) - Mimosa tree with ferny foliage & pink blooms ... and at:

2525 Jordan (Luther & Havens) - Mimosa tree. These beautiful small trees, in our climate, often kill back to the ground and, in bad weather, may die. While the survivors regrow rapidly, they usually bloom sparsely & late.

3023 Minerva Lake (Fletcher) - Two mimosa trees, which should

be blooming the first week of August. Plant at your own risk.

2785 Park Lane Dr. (Malicoate) - Day lilies edged with hostas.

5386 Park Lane Ct. (Champney) - Gold, blue, & variegated hostas.

2816 Alder Vista (Stenger) - Double hollyhocks at light post. Beware of Japanese beetles.

2710 Alder Vista (Sidner) - Yellow & lavender/purple perennial beds, set off by expansive green lawn.

5081 Maplewood (Anderson) - Hosta lovers should stroll by in early evening. Owners will tell you all the variety names!

July 4th Decorations

2585 Lakewood Dr. (Kehl) - Large r/w/b wreath with rosette & flowers, mailbox flag.

2642 Alder Vista (Cline) - R/W/B "skyrocket" flag, small flags flanking walks, mailbox, & street.

2785 Park Lane Dr. (Malicoate) - R/W/B plastic pinwheel.

2777 Minerva Lake (Hastings) - Small flags lining walkway, large flag at entry, patriotic bow at lamp post.

Construction

Pool - John Friedel & Reno Volpe installed a small planting of grasses, stella d'oro daylilies, & impatiens outside the pool fence where the ground had been dug up to install the electric line to the new filter for the baby pool.

2710 Maplewood (Lewis & Feesler) - Created 2 huge beds, including a large rose garden. First was killing the grass, digging, then topsoil, tree trimming, and finally planting. Every week, something different happened, and he had all of us passers-by guessing what would come next.

Golf Course - Handsome new sign surrounded by magenta perennials.

MP Garden Tour

More than 200 people enjoyed the garden tour in perfect weather! The community beds looked wonderful. Thanks to **Rolla Wagner & Jamin Hughes**, who struggled against many odds to get the beds edged & mulched, and to **Janet Kohn, Shirley Jones, Elaine**

Fulkerson, & Bill Zipperlen who dead-headed & tidied up each morning.

Our appreciation goes to garden-owners **Curry, Loudon/McArthur, Lude, Beatrice, Blair, Pilkington, & Yost**. Thank you for letting us view & enjoy your hard work!

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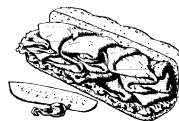
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