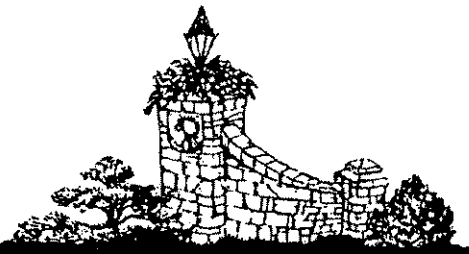


the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Residents Celebrate Founders' Day

Approximately 150 residents celebrated the village's beginnings at the MPCA's first Founders' Day



Heather Tayse sends a watermelon seed flying.

celebration, July 25. The event offered something for everyone: a historical presentation, live music by **Crosswinds Bluegrass**, games for children and adults, a moon bounce ride, face painting, and free food. A time capsule was also placed in the new Minerva Lake Road stone marker during the celebration.

Winners of the contests were as follows:

Longest hula: Leighton Monaco (age 10 & under), Erica Karls (age 11 & up), Leighton Monaco (overall).

Bubble gum blowing: Erica Evans (1st place), Erica Karls (2nd place), Jared Fruth (3rd place).

Watermelon seed spitting:

Luke Fletcher (age 1-6), Valerie Scott (age 7-10), Jared Fruth with a distance of 23'2" (age 11 & up).

Water balloon toss: Troy & Samantha Shannon (1st place), Zach Morrison & Matthew Parsons (2nd place). First place winners in each category received a McDonald's gift certificate.

The raffle for the full set of McDonald's Teenie Beanie Babies was won by **Latasha Howard**, a guest of one of the residents.

The raffle's net proceeds of \$44 went to offset the cost of the celebration.

The MPCA wishes to thank the event organizers, **Felicia Busick, Lynn Eisentrout, Nancy Fry, & Bob Morrison**, and



In the event's finale, the *Tug of War*, the "MP Fire Department & Helpers," at left, anchored by *Karl Garrabrant*, were defeated by the "Residents," anchored by *Troy Shannon*.



Artist *Robin Wigney* paints another face.

everyone who helped make this first-time event a success: volunteers from the **MP Volunteer Fire Department, Tammy Bennett, Lou Busick, Brian Dey, Debbie Evans, Marty & Betty Grosh, Bea Hulbert, Eric Moore, and Greg Wilson**. A special thanks goes to **Bob Stuart** for his informative and entertaining historical presentation. Thanks also go to **McDonald's of Westerville** for gift certificates and to **Kroger** for their contribution of \$20 of food.

Fill out Founders' Day Survey on page 3

SEPT CALENDAR

14 (2:00p) WV Organ Recital
 14 (8:00p) Council Meeting
 16 (8:00a) "Wild Ducks" Race
 16 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
 18 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
 19 WV Art Show
 26 (8:30a) Lake Clean-Up
 26 (11-2) ... Car Wash Fundraiser

Safety Corner

By your
Fire Department



Breathing Emergencies

With allergy season fast upon us, it is important to remember that ragweed is not the only thing that can cause breathing problems.

The American Red Cross says to use the simple idea of **Check, Call, & Care** for any emergency. **Check** that the scene is safe and help is needed, **Call** 911, and render **Care**. This is particularly important in breathing emergencies because of the immediate nature of the problems caused by respiratory arrest.

Several problems can cause breathing emergencies: asthma, choking, allergies, anaphylaxis (a strong reaction to insect bites and stings), and heart-related problems. In any situation where

an individual has stopped breathing, for whatever reason, immediate care is required. The most important thing you can do is summon help - call 911.

If you would like to learn more about how help someone with a breathing emergency, you may contact either the **American Heart Association (848-6676)** or the **American Red Cross (251-1444)**. They both offer very good community-based training. If there is enough interest, the Fire Department may also offer a CPR class this fall ... just let someone at the Village office know you are interested.

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



Minerva Park Police

- 7-3 9:21p, 2600 blk Woodley, false alarm
- 7-8 2600 blk Wildwood, person reported he was assaulted on 6-23
- 7-9 2700 blk Wildwood, traffic violator's check returned NSF, charges pending
- 7-13 to 7-19 ... 2700 blk Wildwood, several unwanted telephone calls
- 7-21 ... 2800 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm
- 7-21 ... 2500 blk Lakewood, false alarm
- 7-21 ... 2400 blk Minerva Lake Rd., lawnmower reported stolen
- 7-23 ... 4:15p, south lake off Minerva Lake Rd., assault
- 7-23 ... 5298 Cleveland Ave., reported several checks passed on closed account
- 7-25 ... 5:05p, MP nursing home, homeless man transported to Harding Hospital for medical attention
- 7-26 ... 5:45p, 5304 Cleveland, false fire alarm
- 7-27 ... 6:39p, 3100 blk Dublin-Granville, false alarm
- 7-27 ... 2600 blk Wildwood, reported theft
- 7-29 ... 5246 Cleveland, reported forced entry & \$140 stolen, known suspect

MPCA Notes

Halloween Party Scheduled

The MPCA's Children's Halloween Party will be held at the **Community Building on Sunday, October 25**, in the afternoon. Mark your calendars and watch for details in the October issue.

1998-99 Officers & Committee Chairs

The MPCA will hold elections for NCC representatives and 1998-99 officers at its **September 16** meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend and vote. There also are several committees which need chairpeople and helpers. Many of these posts take very little time. Please contact **Nancy Fry at 890-6845** if you are interested.

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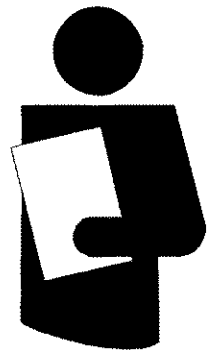


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MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



We have had our preconstruction conference for the **Minerva Lake Road waterline replacement**. By the time you read this, there should be some activity in the area. Because of the late start, I have agreed to allow the contractor to begin work as early as 7:00a during a portion of the project. Weather permitting, the construction should be completed in mid-December. Restoration of the landscaping may not be completed until spring.

Lake dredging survey: Councilman Dave Stahr reported that 76% of the residents favored full restoration of the south lake. The legislation necessary to place the issue on the November ballot has been completed, approved by council, and delivered to the Board of Elections. Now, it's up to our MP voters!

I am very concerned about the condition of the property at the **southeast corner of Cleveland & Woodley**. We are making an effort within the bounds of our current ordinances to make it less of an

eyesore.

Rick Hoechstetter - well qualified! - has been appointed as **Assistant Fire Chief** for our village. Congratulations, Rick!

We have replaced our most worn out **police car** with a trade-in from the state highway patrol. It is a 1996 Ford with 79,000 miles, which appears to be in above average condition.

According to a report from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the **reported crimes** in our village decreased approximately 39.5% from 1996 through 1997. This was the greatest decrease in the county. Much of this change is because of the alertness and dedication of our police officers and the addition of a third full-time officer. I also believe that Bobbie Hillard is doing an excellent job directing our police activities.

The **water problem** that residents on Park Lane are experiencing has still not been resolved. Part of the problem has to do with the responsibility of

correcting and then maintaining the necessary work. Action is pending.

We have received complaints about the **Minerva Lake Road traffic**. I have instructed the police to provide more radar coverage on the street at various locations, especially during the summer months when the traffic seems to be heaviest.

The Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) has asked for suggestions on what to do with the **bridge on the old railroad bed** that runs along the east side of the park. At one time, the state was considering a bikeway along the railroad bed, but this idea seems to have been abandoned.

I've heard it said, "There are two seasons in Ohio - winter & road construction." **MP**

Founders' Day

I would prefer to have Founders' Day during:

- late July
- early September
- other _____

Preferred music:
(check all that apply)

- big band
- pop or rock
- country
- calypso
- other _____

I would be willing to help with planning or staffing the event:

- yes
- no

Activities I would like: (check all that apply)

- historical tour(s)
- live music
- parade
- carnival ride(s)
- games
- other live entertainment _____
- athletic tournaments
- volleyball
- croquet
- tug-of-war
- other _____

I would be willing to pay a moderate fee for:
(check all that apply)

- food
- carnival rides
- nothing
- other _____

I would prefer to have:

- a block party (like this year)
- an ice cream social
- a carnival (fees involved)

Comments:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Return Survey to Community Building by September 16 to be included in a prize drawing.



Letter to the Editor 8-3-98

Sometimes we don't realize this great place we live - the Village of Minerva Park. Not only is the average tax value of our homes less than surrounding places, such as Westerville & New Albany, our pluses are much greater.

After 3 decades of coming home to beauty and grace, this oasis must be the best kept secret in central Ohio. I consider our Minerva has 4 jewels in her crown.

- the people who dress their yards so beautifully and volunteer for special things, serving on council, and working with Mary Yost.
- the pool with its own staff of volunteers and dedicated people.
- the parklands with their mature trees and wildlife.
- the lakes with their recreation potential and beauty.

Of the four, the parklands probably take the most care and concern. Bordering the lakes, the foot traffic is heavy all 12 months.

The lakes and parklands cannot speak for themselves; they need friends. They are under the control of the village council. When there is a problem, council must accept its own power and move to resolve the problem. There is very little separating beautiful lakes from becoming swamps ... only the attention of those in command.

Here are a few actions that will rob us of our parklands and lakes:

- Feeding the wildlife. They

don't need it. Take your kids to the zoo.

- Walking dogs without picking up the results. If that stuff is harmless, keep it in your own yard.

■ Littering. Those feeding the birds are most guilty, really showing their kids & grandkids how to litter by throwing the bread wrappers down.

- Leaving fishing trash on the ground.

On a brighter note, two Great Blue Herons found happiness around the two lakes during the last week of July. Perhaps they will nest nearby.

The Wright family on East Shore is putting the north lake to good use. They have placed a paddleboat in the water and go visiting by boat. They were trying to get others to do likewise so they could have a flotilla on July 4th, but, when there was no parade, there was no competition. Maybe next year.

Richard L. Paugh
2860 Minerva Lake Rd.

Community Association Needs Volunteers for Success

Every year at this time, the Minerva Park Community Association scrambles to find individuals to oversee the numerous programs and events it coordinates. This proves to be a more difficult task each year. Work, school, home, and other activities take up so much of our lives, there seems to be time for little else.

The MPCA has four elected officers and 11 committees that coordinate programs for residents. Through these committees, we strive to enhance the lives of our residents by providing information, beautifying the community, offering opportunities to socialize with our neighbors, and, in general, making

people feel like part of a close-knit community.

In aggregate, this is a daunting task. And it takes a lot of effort. But when the work is broken into smaller parts, the individual time commitment required becomes quite manageable. Many people think they don't have the time to become involved. But volunteering for the MPCA can take as little as a couple hours once a year.

If you appreciate the things that the MPCA does for the community, please say you'll help the next time you receive a phone call from one of our committee members. Or better yet, contact Nancy Fry, MPCA president, at 890-6845 to offer your services. By volunteering, you'll help ensure that the small-town feeling that drew you to Minerva Park in the first place will continue.

Felicia Busick
Editor

Medic 119 ... Where are you?

July 1998

In July, Medic 119 made 55 runs with 13 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 4 into Minerva Park. Twenty-nine patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 702 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 7,105. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur** (104 hours), **Tom Pickett** (66 hours), and **Frank Meredith** (62 hours). **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 883 hours.

MP Runs

- 7-11 ... By the lake - someone rode bike into the lake
- 7-13 ... Minerva Lake Rd. - heat exhaustion
- 7-25 ... Wildwood - PHA
- 7-26 ... Wildwood - ill person

Adult Activities

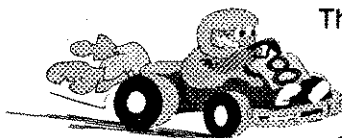
Gotta Dance!

If you've got a hankering to get moving, the **Over & Under Fifties Club** offers Line Dancing instruction at the Community Building on Fridays from 2:30p to 3:30p. Line dancing is great exercise, lots of fun, and doesn't require a partner. Dances are carefully explained and are set to energizing music. The class is \$2 per session and is open to Minerva Park men and women of any age. For information, call **Norma Roth** at 882-1294, **Elinor Doughty** at 882-8414, or instructor **Bob Cummings** at 268-8153.



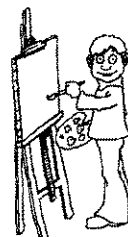
Minerva Wild Ducks to Compete

The Minerva Wild Ducks, Minerva Park's Malibu racing team, will compete in the Columbus Metro Race at Malibu Grand Prix Racetrack on **Wednesday, September 16**. The six qualified drivers will compete with individuals from 16 racing teams from the metropolitan area. The Wild Duck drivers, in speed order, are: **Gloria Kinnaird, Bob Walz, Lee Roth, Paula DeWeese, Harry Toy, and Jim Fischer**. Mayor Murray will again participate in the Mayor's Race. We hope he brings home the trophy again! Come out to cheer on the team at Malibu Racetrack (1201 Schrock Road) on Wednesday (September 16) from 8:00a until noon. For information, contact **Lee Roth, 882-1294**.



Woodside to Host Seminars, Art Show

The Woodside Village of Columbus Retirement Community will celebrate **National Assisted Living Week** by offering musical, art, and seminars the week of **September 13**. Organist **Larry Smith** will perform September 14 at 2:00p. There will be an exhibition of work by artist **Sameera Nelson Rahal** on September 19. Educational seminar topics will include depression and assisted living. For information, contact **Hollie Grimes** at 898-9922.



Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Joe & Andra Bonaventure are new residents at **2516 Minerva Lake Road**, moving from Grandview. Their phone number is 882-7982.

Carl Slight of Chicago is now residing at **2722 Minerva Lake Road, 901-0054**.

William & Judy Dodson and son, **Daymon**, have moved from Columbus to **5362 Park Lane Drive**. Their mother, **Martha Taylor**, lives with them. Say hello at 901-0876.

Dorothy Miller is the new resident at **2719 Minerva Lake Road**. Her brother, **Don Miller**, also resides in the park. You can phone them at 895-0320.

John & Polly Dunn (818-0894) from West Columbus have moved to **2597 Briar Rose**.

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

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Flora Says

By Mary Yost

Annuals

This issue is devoted to those yards which put a major emphasis on annuals ... because - at last - the plants are filled in and haven't been yanked out for a fall planting of mums.

Incidentally, while mums sometimes live over, it is best to consider them as annuals and be pleasantly surprised to find them still alive in the spring.

Beds of annuals are particularly effective when neatly edged and surrounded by lush green grass. In mid-August, most lawns are looking a bit tired, but perhaps by the time you read this, the rains will have come and the flowers will show to their best.

Impatiens are the backbone of many plantings, found at **2791 Maplewood (Webber)**, **2642 Maplewood (Stewart)**, and **2806 Maplewood (Lude)**. Note especially a fairly new yellow impatiens in the pots flanking the entrance walk. This is a new strain which DeMonye's called "sea shell impatiens," also available in mango & pumpkin colors. Enjoy colors at **2909 Kerrwood (Ellis)**, **2573 Wildwood (Pence)**, and **2636 Jordan (Randalls)**.

Minerva Lake Road (again) is the basket capital of Minerva Park. Those at **3253 (Swatik)**, **3245**

(**Doughty**), **3254 (Marty Fletcher)**, and the wreath at **3263 (Phelps & Fox)** are as outstanding as ever.

Other spots of color include the mum bed at **2587 Briar Rose (Marty Grosh)**, clumps of pink & white begonias (**Saville, 2826 Minerva Lake**), a gorgeous deep pink mandevilla vine on the fence between **2824 & 2816 Alder Vista (Stenger & Stebleton)**, pink & rose & lavender petunias at **2865 E. Shore Court (Ralston)**, and red petunias at **2544 Wildwood (Angersbach)**.

Baku & Glass (3031 Minerva Lake Rd.) have neatly edged beds with a wide variety of species. **Ross (3296 Minerva Lake Rd.)** offers cannas, zinnias, roses, & geraniums. **Fruehauf (5325 Ponderosa)** is very colorful, with many hanging baskets & in-ground plants of impatiens, begonias, coleus, geraniums, and a mum. **Dawson (2681 Lakewood)** uses marigolds, geraniums, zinnias, snapdragons, ageratums, begonias, & blue salvia in quantity. A rose of Sharon hedge graces **2791 Alder Vista (Clark)**. Two yards on **Wildwood** look even better this month than last (**Dilman at 2655 & Naylon at 2709**).

Other Plants

While we have talked about only annuals so far, I would like to mention a few shrubs & perennials that are blooming now and would give a slightly changed look to a planting of annuals. These include the shrub caryopteris blue mist at **Blair's (5336 Ponderosa)**. Rose of Sharon comes in singles & doubles, at **2510 Wildwood (Townley)** and at the pool area. Joe Pye weed is at **Jones (5073 Maplewood)**. Pink

sedum autumn joy is in the garden at the end of Lakewood. Oak leaf hydrangeas are also turning pink (**Jones at 5073 Maplewood & Grubb at 2759 Maplewood**).

There are many other plants, including roses, which put on another big show in the fall. All these can be used very effectively with annuals to add height and a change of texture. **Lude (2806 Maplewood)** is an excellent example of successfully combining trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials.

Lawn Care

If you plan to remake your lawn (or improve it by dethatching, core aeration, and/or overseeding), now is the time. In any event, plan to fertilize now and again in late fall. Perennials can be divided now and will be all set to take off in the spring. Write down the names & numbers of the annuals you want to buy next year. Prepare to bring houseplants indoors. If you plan any new beds, dig them now. Fall is a great season for working outdoors, whether it is planting bulbs or raking leaves ... just take it in small doses so it's not a chore.

MinervaFlora

We have lots of work to do this fall, and we'd love to hear from any of you who would like to help keep your community looking good. Call **Mary Yost at 882-8467** to volunteer. In addition to work in our flower beds, we also will be cleaning up the lake banks and need some strong folks with chain saws, pole pruners, & loppers. We do this every year so we can see our lakes. The weeds and vines do grow. On **Saturday, September 26**, meet at the **Community Building at 8:30a**. The rain date is Saturday, October 10. Two to three hours should do the job. Sorry, no food ... just work.

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Saturday, September 26

11:00a - 2:00p

You are invited to a picnic and car wash at the Community Building, Saturday, September 26. Bring your kids and your car ... we will wash anything!

The Firefighter's Association is sponsoring another car wash in an effort to get it to rain, and to spend time with all of the wonderful people who stopped by last time. Of course, if you were not able to come to our car wash in July, then your car must really need attention now, and you are especially invited.

- Cars will be washed (\$10)
- & lunch will be served
- from 11:00a to 2:00p:
- Cheeseburgers & Brats - \$2.50
- Hot Dogs - \$1
- Hamburgers - \$2
- Potato Salad - 75¢

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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.

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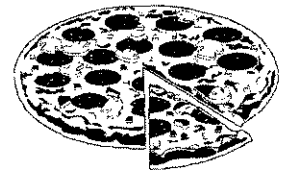


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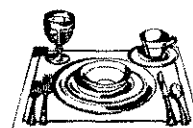


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