

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A New Year's Message from the Editor

Like many people, I'll be trying to find a bit of time this month to reflect on my many blessings and to create some general goals for the coming year. Resolutions, of sorts.

Since having my daughter, Grace, four years ago, one of my perennial resolutions has been to do small things to make the world a better place. I think it's important for Grace to learn that we are all part of a community and a society, and that the efforts we make on behalf of our neighbors and those less fortunate really do make a difference.

We in Minerva Park are blessed to live in a unique small community where individuals can have a noticeable impact. A visit to a council meeting, work on a committee or a

morning spent beautifying our public areas can yield immediate and vivid results. For those who shun organized service, there are always opportunities to help an elderly neighbor or an overworked family if only you look for them.

We all understand that busy schedules make it difficult to find family and personal time. But I think spending time doing public service as a family – with your children or grandchildren – teaches them that community is important. And, who knows? You might even find out that it's fun.

So, when you're making *your* resolutions for the year, please make one to become involved in our community. You'll be glad you did.

MPCA Automobile Decals

As part of the \$10 membership to your Community Association this year, we've added automobile decals which will readily help our police easily identify MP vehicles. These decals, distributed with your annual directory, should be mounted on the INSIDE BACK window, so they can be read correctly from the outside of your car.

If you've not paid your annual \$10 dues, please make a check payable to "MPCA Membership" and send it to the Community Building at 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

Support Food Bank in 1999

Throughout 1999, please support the local Food Bank by bringing nonperishable food and household products in bags marked "Food Bank" to the Community Building. The collection is in conjunction with an ongoing drive by the Northland Community Council, which delivers the goods on a

quarterly basis.

If you are unable to bring your bags when the building is open, please contact one of our NCC representatives: **Don Champney at 882-3318**, **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895**, or **Bob Caley at 882-5062**. They would be happy to pick up your donation at your home.



Annual
Duck
Award

See page 5 for nomination information.

JANUARY DATES

- 11 (8:00p)..... Council Meeting
- 13 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 15 (5:00p)..... Villager Deadline

Lake Restoration Bond Update

Council to Select Bond Lender this Month

Minerva Park Council will select at its January 11 meeting the bank that will hold the \$365,000 17-year lake restoration bond. Offers are expected from National City Bank and Park National Bank by that date. The decision will be based on which offers the lowest interest rate.

The village sent letters to several local financial institutions to gauge their interest in the tax-exempt, municipal bond. National City and Park National were the only lenders who were interested in holding the entire bond for the full term in their own portfolios without

offering it in smaller pieces to other investors. This option was preferred by Council because it will keep administrative costs low.

The two interested institutions will submit interest rate proposals this month, based on prevailing rates, village balance sheets, and village auditor's reports from the last three years.

Council had originally hoped to complete this process by the end of 1998, but Lou Busick, Council finance committee chairman, said the slight delay in the process will probably benefit the village. First, because rates are expected to drop even lower in the coming months, the village will probably get a lower interest rate than if it had locked in a rate in December. And the delay will defer the payback by a month. Because we don't need the money now, it doesn't hurt to wait the extra month, he said. **MP**

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

November 1998

In November, Medic 119 made 39 runs with 13 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 3 into Minerva Park. Twenty-three patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 676 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 12,308. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur (56 hours)**, **Anthony Huffman (52 hours)**, and **Tom Pickett (42 hours)**. **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 1,175 hours.

MP Runs

- 11-6 .. Cleveland Ave., chest pains
- 11-12 Hawthorne Elementary School, injury
- 11-12 Cleveland Ave., difficulty breathing

HELP WANTED

Delightful, happy 10-month-old girl (and her at-home mom) seek grandmother-type for occasional babysitting & rewarding relationship. Other parents interested in co-op arrangement, please call **Emma at 890-1543**.



Villagers

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Charles & Ana Webb and their sons **Ian**, 18, and **Evan**, 15, are the new residents at **2653 Lakewood Dr.** Their number is 891-3579.

Norine Corbett and her father, **Nick Verdora**, 95, live at **2736 Lakewood Dr.** Norine's daughter, **Jana Noll**, lives right across the street. Phone Norine and her dad at 879-6910.

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

If you have a special birthday or received an award or promotion, please send notices by the deadline to:

Villager Editor
2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

All submissions must include a name and phone number.



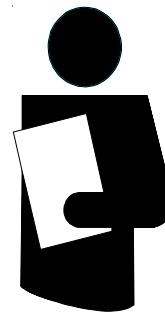
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MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



I hope you all had a pleasant holiday season and didn't gain too much weight. I did, and I did.

The contract bids for the **lake project** were received and opened December 11. The only formal bid received was from Metropolitan Environmental for \$282,000, \$83,000 less than the original estimate. The bonds have not been sold yet but expect to be within the next few weeks.

As of this writing, the **waterline project** is still waiting for Columbus to complete its pressure testing and chlorinating before we can hook up the service to the houses.

The December council meeting had a full agenda with a several resolutions presented.

- The Village Law Director's contract was renewed for another year. His rates remained the same as last year.
- A resolution to provide traffic control devices (signs) at the intersections of Minerva Lake Road and Farview Road and at the intersection of Minerva Lake Road and North Bay Drive.
- Council also approved contracts with the Columbus City Attorney

to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for Minerva Park and to provide a public defender for the defense of certain indigent defendants.

- A resolution was passed declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the village to reimburse its waterline construction fund for the project loan CC15B, Phase III with the proceeds of the tax-exempt debt of the State of Ohio.
- A resolution to transfer funds from the general fund to the EMS vehicle fund was passed as an emergency.
- The Interim Annual Appropriation Resolution was passed to make appropriation for expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending 12-31-99.
- A resolution honoring Mary Yost for her years of dedication to the Minerva Park. A plaque will be presented to Mary.
- Our former police officer Rodock is continuing his suit against us. Now he is, through his attorney, demanding

volumes of documents.

- The Planning and Zoning Commission considered an application for a fence permit and voted to disapprove. The application was submitted to council for a variance but was not approved.
- The people living at 5100 Cleveland Avenue have started a woodworking business and have been instructed that they do not have the necessary permits. I hope we can resolve this situation peaceably.
- The copier at the community building has about reached the end of its useful life, and the service company says it can no longer get replacement parts. So, council reviewed proposals from four companies. We went with a Xerox 5626.

Jan says that confession may be good for the soul, but it could be very bad for your career. **MP**

Frozen Water Pipes

With the arrival of colder weather, invariably each year the drop in temperature gives rise to weather-related emergencies. Some precautions can be taken to avoid frozen water pipes.

- Outside pipes, those in areas subject to freezing and through-the-wall faucets should be shut off and drained.
- Pipes in cold areas that cannot be turned off should be well insulated, but avoid the use of electrical or "heat" tape. Such tape is not intended for extended use and may increase your chance of a fire.
- Only in bitter cold weather, leave an inside faucet trickling. (Running water is less likely to freeze.)
- Knowing how to isolate a broken pipe and turning off water valves can reduce damage if a pipe freezes and/or bursts.
- Frozen pipes should be thawed out slowly. Never apply an open flame or a torch. Try using a hand-held hair dryer. If this doesn't work, your best bet may be to have a professional thaw your pipes, especially on older homes.

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Visit From **SANTA**

Santa made two trips to Minerva Park last month, and no one got coal in his stocking during the first visit at the annual MPCA Christmas Party.



About 45 children attended the 2-hour annual Christmas Party on December 5. There were visits with Santa, crafts, and

face painting by Harmony the Elf. The afternoon ended with Santa reading one of his favorite Christmas books and a sing-along medley of Christmas carols led by Santa and guitarist **Jenny Johnston**.

The MPCA extends a special thanks Santa and Harmony for taking time out of their busy schedules to come to the party, and to **Tammy Bennett** and **Suzanne Coulter** for organizing the party. Thanks also to **Claire Eisentrout** for baking and craft help, to **Yvonne Giammarco** and mom for help with crafts, to **Jenny Johnston** for her musical talents, to **Janet Kohn** for crowd control and artistic ornament painting, and to **Claudette Shannon** for beautiful and yummy white chocolate Santas. The party could not have been a success without all these special helpers.

If you would like to help with future Children's Committee events, please contact **Tammy Bennett** at **890-5913** or **Suzanne Coulter** at **891-7346**. The next event is the Easter Egg Hunt in the spring. **MP**



- 11-6 ... 2500 blk Jordan, assault on 10-30 reported.
- 11-6 ... 10:35p, 5084 Cleveland, false alarm.
- 11-7 ... 2700 blk Maplewood, theft on 10-22 reported.
- 11-7 ... 5:40p, 5460 Cleveland, dispute.
- 11-7 ... 5460 Cleveland, telephone harassment.
- 11-16 . 12:40a, 5248 Cleveland, domestic dispute.
- 11-18 . 3:57a, 5424 Cleveland, false alarm.
- 11-25 . 6:30p, 5300 blk Westbridge, false alarm.
- 11-26 . 8:34p, 5442 Cleveland, vandalism.
- 11-29 . 10:23p, 3205 E. Dublin Granville, false alarm.
- 11-30 . 5460 Cleveland, theft on 11-27 reported.

Festival of Lights Winners

Kudos to all the residents who lit up our lives last month. Here are the decorations that caught our judges' fancy in early December. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery.



Best Outdoor Tree
Jeff & Mary Oberlander
 2922 Berry Lane Court

The judges thought this tree was most effective, with its bright strands of white lights casting a cheerful welcome to the courtyard.

Runner Up
Betty & Marty Grosh
 2587 Briar Rose Lane

The Grosh's deck was put to good use with the creation of red and green trees of lights.



Best Whimsical Display
Connie & Mel Pence
 2573 Wildwood Rd.

Santa in his wooden sleigh with two reindeer in front, and a decorated mailbox that proclaimed "Merry Christmas" captured the whimsical side of the holiday.

Runner Up
Bill & Jodi McClure
 2642 Woodley Rd.

Lights twinkling on the rooftop were especially cheerful.



Best Religious Theme
Ted Hamilton & Donna Marple
 2879 Lakewood Dr.

The judges were impressed with the attractive nativity scene and with the star over the manger.

Runner Up
Dorothy & Robert Townley
 2510 Wildwood Rd.

This nativity scene was of special interest to the judges.



Best Outline Effect
Charles Anderson & Jodi Shinney
 2662 Alder Vista

The motion lights were fascinating to watch and created a very dynamic outline effect

Runner Up
Julie & Patrick Mangan
 2575 Jordan Rd.

Multicolored lights festooned the roof, mailboxes, and bushes and brought cheer to the house.



Best Entrance Way
Bob & Helen Gale
 2690 Lakewood Dr.

The judges were very impressed with the overall design of this entranceway, including the subtle touch of a Christmas Beenie Baby hung on the door.

Runner Up
Cathi & Pete Havens
 2625 Jordan rd.

The wreaths with the red bows provided a classic "Season's Greetings" to all passersby.



Best Daytime Display
Connie & Robert Price
 2711 Minerva Lake Rd.

Children especially appreciated the cut-out figures of Santa, Frosty, and a Christmas tree placed around the yard. The decorated goose and flag pole added more cheer.

Duck Award Nominations

The MPCA is once again asking residents to nominate an active neighbor or friend for the association's community service award, the Duck Award.

The Duck Award is given by the MPCA to the MP resident(s) who have greatly contributed to the quality of life in our village. The award will be given for achievements made in 1998 and will be presented in March 1999. Elected officials, paid employees, and volunteers are eligible. An individual or group may win the award more than once but not within a 5-year period.

By February 1, please send your nominations with a brief summary of qualifications and contributions to the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. For more information about the award, contact one of following members of the Duck Award Selection Committee: **Don Champney** at 882-3318, **Lynn Eisentrout** at 891-0895, **Nancy Fry** at 890-6845, or **Rolla Wagner** at 895-2236. All are former Duck Award recipients.

Runner Up
Carole & Eric Hupp
 2833 Alder Vista

Three nutcracker figures placed on a wreath with two reindeer looking on added daytime interest to the Hupp's front yard.



Judges' Favorite
Herb & Nina Wertz
 2655 Minerva Lake Rd.

The Wertzses once again achieved an impressive feat - their decorations were spectacular at night and also pretty in the daytime. The judges thank them very much for their efforts!

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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.

Next deadline:
Friday, January 15, 5:00 p.m.