

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sixth Annual Spaghetti Dinner

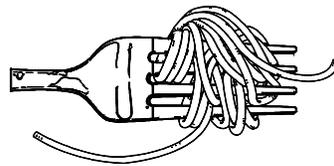
to Benefit MP Pool

Sunday, March 14  
noon - 6:00p

Blendon Township Senior Center  
6340 Hempstead Rd. - Westerville

Carry-out available.

Adults **\$7.50** ... Children 10 & under **\$4.50**



It's time once again for the annual spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Minerva Park Swim Club. Price includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, roll, beverage, and dessert. We will be having a **50/50 raffle**, and for that night only, we will be offering a **20% discount on pool memberships!**

So come join the fun, visit with neighbors, and save **BIG** on your 1999 swim club membership. If you have any questions, just contact any pool board member listed in your Minerva Park Resident Directory for details.

### MPCA Easter Egg Hunt

The annual **MPCA Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 27**, on the lawn at **Hawthorne Elementary School**. We will have four age groups again, with staggered 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 11, at 7:30p**. Please volunteer to help stuff eggs and at the event — it takes a lot of people to make the egg hunt a success. Call **Nancy Fry at 890-6845** if you can help.

## LAKE UPDATE

Dredging of the south lake could begin some time this month, depending on weather conditions.

Parklands surrounding the lake will remain open during the dredging, but please exercise caution around the machinery and on Minerva Lake Road.

*Villager* Editor

## Food Bank Needs You

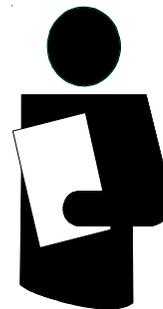
Join the ongoing food drive sponsored by the MPCA and the Northland Community Council. Bring nonperishable goods to the Community Building or call an NCC representative for pick-up: **Don Champney at 882-3318**, **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895**, or **Bob Caley at 882-5062**.

### MARCH DATES

- 3 ..... MP Church Egg Hunt
- 8 (8:00p)..... Council Meeting
- 10 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 11 (7:30p)..... Egg-stuffing
- 13 ..... Symphony
- 14 (noon - 6:00p) ..... Spaghetti
- 19 (5:00p)..... Villager Deadline
- 27 ..... MPCA Egg Hunt

# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



With only a little more than 9 months until the end of the year, information on the problems associated with the potential year **2000 (Y2K) computer problems** is filling the news. We have been warned that the stock market can crash, electrical service may fail, phone services might stop, controls will fail, food distribution will be affected, etc.!

Simply stated, computers long ago were programmed to read a date containing 00 as 1900. If computers are not updated when the year 2000 arrives, they will consider people and events happening after 1900 as not happened yet. Obviously this could cause problems with anything managed by a computer system and sensitive to a date function. I have recently attended several meetings where "experts have presented cause and effect programs intended to explain the potential problems and the corrective action being taken. It appears that most governmental agencies and business corporations using mainframe computer systems have been working for several years to provide for the changes needed to assure proper operation at the turn of the century. So, it appears to me that most of the important problem areas are being addressed.

Our **water line replacement program** is now in the final stages. By the time you read this, Minerva Lake Road residents should be hooked up to the new lines. I would like to thank all those Minerva Lake Road folks who had to put up with the prolonged mess, the low pressure, and at times no water at all. We had more problems with this phase #3 than with the other

two, including 14 breaks in about 3 weeks!

Council met February 8 for the regularly scheduled meeting with Marty Grosh absent.

- The EMS squad reported the addition of 15 new members.

- Our Planning and Zoning Commission approved a room addition and a replacement fence for a resident on East Shore Drive. A discussion with the owner of the service station at Cleveland Ave. & Woodley Rd. resulted in their being assigned a limited number of parking spaces. This is an attempt to make the property more presentable.

- We will have some new signs erected during the next few weeks, including stop signs at Minerva Lake Road & Farview and at Minerva Lake Road & North Bay Drive to control the speed of traffic on Minerva Lake Road. Also, signs will be erected on the lake banks to indicate the allowable area where the ducks may be fed.

- The geese are still a major problem to residents living adjacent to the lakes. The geese create unsanitary conditions in yards and driveways. No conclusion was reached for a satisfactory solution.

- The conflict of interest letter published in the February *Villager* was discussed at length from the floor as well as by council. As a follow-up, council scheduled a special meeting to discuss the matter further.

- The lights should be installed at the two corporation signs on Cleveland Avenue in February.

- The lake dredging still does not have a start date and will be pretty much dependent on the weather. There is some concern about the effect that the heavy loads will have

on our streets.

- A volunteer police officer that is also a physician has volunteered to act as a police surgeon for the village. Because of the liability considerations, the Law Director recommended that council decline, which they did.

- Resolutions presented:

Resolution #98-36 3rd reading. Passed. To place a traffic control device at the intersection of Minerva Lake Road and North Bay Drive.

Resolution #99-3 Failed. Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor to invest the bond money in fixed income securities.

Resolution #99-4 Passed. Authorized the mayor to enter into an agreement for the employment of a village engineer.

Ordinance #1-99 Passed. Provided for the employment of a Law Director.

I've heard that nobody grows old enough never to be foolish again.

The Minerva Park history column isn't history! Watch for it in our April issue.





## Mary "Flora" Yost Dies at 82

We are saddened to lose local garden expert Mary "Flora" Yost, who passed away on January 26 at the age of 82. A longtime resident of the village, Yost applied her talents as a self-taught master gardener to beautifying our public spaces and many of the yards in MP. She could be spotted almost daily surveying the local landscape with her little dog, looking for features to compliment in her monthly *Villager* column, "Flora Says."

Yost founded the MinervaFlora Committee, which has planned, planted, and tended village gardens since 1988. She turned leadership of the committee over to Bob Gale in January, along with a detailed 5-year village garden plan. Yost has also left a portion of her estate for Minerva Park beautification.

Yost was a graduate of Wellesley College (Mass.) and received her Ph.D. from Ohio State. She retired a professor after 45 years in physical education instruction. Also a retired Lt. Colonel with the U.S. Naval Reserve, Yost served 26 years active duty, including in WWII and the Korean War.

Longtime friend Audrienne Brown remembers Yost as a person whose life focused on education—learning and

teaching. She played the role of "gardening instructor" in our village as well as around her vacation home in Costa Rica, where she also financed the education of a number of Costa Rican children. Over the years, Yost put a number of delinquent boys to work in her Ohio gardens as part of a community service program. Brown said she really enjoyed helping people and making her environment beautiful.

The MPCA honored Yost last spring when a park bench was dedicated to her, and the village government thanked her for her years of service this winter with a plaque. Yost's contributions were also acknowledged by her Costa Rican condominium complex and Ohio State.

Her dog, Christopher, is now living with Jeanne Blair.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Dorothy Sumption Wirthwein Fund under the Development Fund of OSU, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus 43210.

### Fairwell Fair Lady

Minerva Park has truly lost an elegant lady with the passing of Mary Margaret Yost. She has endeared herself to many people throughout the park. I don't think there is a street that doesn't have some part of her garden or landscaping done with her influence.

Mary could be seen traveling around the neighborhood with her trusty dog, stopping and chatting with just about anyone that would stop to take the time. She spent

hours in probably most of the gardens of our special little village. She had suggestions and sometimes thoughts on redesign as you lugged the many pounds of topsoil to the flower beds.

I think the most amazing realization is she possessed so many academic credentials. She never flaunted her honorariums. She just wanted to be of help. She traveled around with books, shovels, and anything else she thought a neighbor might need to beautify her favorite little neighborhood residence. If you were troubled as to what you could use, she would go home and dig up a plant and bring it to you to add to your floribunda. She offered advice in our *Villager* to those who wanted to do more for their greenery. She was usually seen throughout the planting season, bent over weeding, watering, or just gazing at the many areas around Minerva Park that she could add to or improve.

Mary was truly a wonderful lady. She has done much to add to the price we all have in Minerva Park. I hope we will all pause and think of what we have and try to carry on that legacy. When you hear about the lake clean-up, roll up your sleeves and think of Mary. She would want to keep our wonderful village beautiful and colorful. When you see the flowers bloom, for every one that pokes its head up, think of Mary and how she loved the beauty of God's great out of doors. When you look up and see a rainbow and the colors in the sky, you can bet Mary is up there directing the Flora in God's kingdom.

Farewell, dear Mary. You will never be forgotten.

**Arlene F. Stuart**  
2799 Alder Vista Dr.



## Village Views

### Editor's Note

With a larger volume of letters coming in, we thought it was a good time to explain our editorial policy as it relates to our opinion section, "Village Views."

### Editorial Policy

*"Village Views" offers residents the opportunity to express their opinions about village policy and issues of interest. We encourage residents to submit constructive commentary about the village, the MPCA, our government, and our elected representatives. We will not publish letters that in any way demean private individuals or their opinions.*

*"Village Views" is an open forum for community discussion. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Minerva Park Community Association or the Villager's editorial staff. Letters are published based on available space and interest to the community. To be considered, letters must be submitted by the published deadline and include a name and phone number.*

### Letter to the Editor 1-31-99

My family and I have lived in MP for almost 25 years. Even though we are surrounded by the city, our village has maintained a small town atmosphere. It was a great place to raise our children with all of the community activities, parades, and holiday parties.

From the beginning, we were impressed with the commitment of our citizens to support village projects. As volunteers, we actively took part on the MP Fire Department, Community Association, holiday activities, and pool activities.

Three people really stand out as I look back over the years - Mary Yost, most of all, and we will all miss her. Don Champney has served in many ways over the years. He deserves a great deal of respect for the integrity he has brought to not only our village council but to the Northland Community Council. The third person is Lynn Eisentrout. I have known Lynn for many years, and she has always been one of the first to volunteer, whether it is to stuff Easter eggs, plan a parade and pet show on July 4th, or organize the Founder's Day celebration.

As other leaders have come and gone, Lynn has never given up on keeping our village a great place to raise a family. She has kept in touch with our state representative to help with grants when we needed help to maintain our village. I am proud to call her my friend.

As I read the February *Villager*, I was very upset at the letter from Betty and Tony Beatrice, calling for Lynn's resignation. The Beatrices have consistently over the past years opposed anything and anyone who did not agree with their views.

I am sure that Lynn Eisentrout and the rest of our village council would welcome any village resident who would bring some positive input, but the only thing we hear are negative comments and accusations. It's time for all of those who are not happy with the way our village is run to either put up or shut up. They should start taking an active role in village activities. We will welcome them to stuff Easter eggs and clean up the school yard for Easter, bake cookies, and help with crafts at Christmas, or just say something positive about those who do.

Lynn was elected to council because we knew she would take the job seriously and stick with it, in good times and bad. She was elected president to council for the same reasons. She has done a terrific job, and I am behind her 100%. I admire her work ethic and integrity.

Let's stop these personal attacks on the people who are just trying to do the best job they can for the village of Minerva Park.

**Claudette Shannon**  
3011 Carleton Court

### Letter to the Editor 2-11-99

I write in reference to the letter submitted last month by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Beatrice requesting the resignation of Lynn Eisentrout. I am not currently a resident of MP, but I grew up here and my parents are still residents. Through my business (Shoemaker Equipment), I donate free usage of my big wood chipper for Earth Day, I place advertisements in both the *Villager* and resident directory, and last year I donated usage of my Bobcat skid steer loader during the building of the new stone entrances to MP. For those reasons, I feel I have the right to express my opinion.

In the Beatrice's letter, they cited guidelines of behavior for council members in their attack of Ms. Eisentrout. On the matter of disclosure and conflict of interest, Ms. Eisentrout stood before council and stated she has a friendship with Ms. Nash and offered to abstain from voting if it was felt to be necessary. That is full disclosure, and removing herself from a vote dispels any conflict of interest. In the third matter of the third guideline, unless it can be proven that Ms. Eisentrout has "changed" her stated opinion, there is no basis for her removal.

I have worked with Lynn on many things, and I have always found her to put the integrity of Minerva Park above all else. I would suggest that the Beatrices stop trying to start trouble where there is none.

**Jana Shoemaker Iacampo**

### **Letter to the Editor 2-99**

To experience the vote last November on the improvement of the south lake by dredging was wonderful. It proves 2 out of 3 village voters admire our lakes and parklands. I am not aware of any other location in central Ohio that enjoys the amount of recreational areas we have in the village of Minerva Park.

BEWARE - Our parklands will not be with us very long. We just assure there is respect for our open spaces. Unwatched, there are many signs of disrespect these days toward the shores of the lakes. On February 5, a Jeep wagon backed up to the open land just 100 yards east of the community building. A man got out and dragged a massive bag of garbage with him to the shore at 6:00 p. As I watched, he dumped over a bushel of rotten hoagy buns on the ground. It was dark,

and the ducks were not around. He did not have children with him. After he had gone, I took a picture of the mess. It was spread over a 12 foot area. The next morning, it was still there.

On February 11, a man in a white conversion van pulled up on the pavement facing east. He pulled great bags out and behind the van; he spread it over a large area, including the blacktop. After he left, I snapped a picture of the mess he had left. He had no children with him, nor were there any ducks nearby. Rain was expected, and the resulting mess will not make us proud.

My point is simple. When I appeared before the village council on February 8, I was told soon there would be signs designating duck feeding areas. I was also told by a village councilwoman last November there would soon be duck feeding signs posted.

If the people of MP cannot or will not take good care of our beautiful parklands, we do not deserve to have them. At the rate things are going, in a short time, we'll be finding mattresses and old couches. A woman bellowed out, "I don't want to police giving tickets to people feeding the ducks." Perhaps there are enough caring residents to form some sort of park ranger service to watch for dumpers and to stop the destruction of what God has given us. I'll entertain any ideas you may have to improve the situation. By the way, during the 3+ weeks the grass was covered with snow, I only saw three people stop by with food for the ducks. Now the 60s and 70s have returned, we have barrels of table garbage dumped on our public land. People who 'do it for the ducks' are really only dumping garbage.

**Richard L. Paugh**  
2860 Minerva Lake Road

### **Letter to the Editor 2-3-99**

During the week of January 25, Kay Thompson of Alder Vista and I were walking our dogs along the path bordering the east side of the lake. We spotted three young girls (approximately 12 years of age) pulling the artificial flowers from the decorative pots that have been placed beside the benches in the park and around the lake. They were stripping the flowers from the stems and throwing them around the ground. They had thrown some plants over the dam and into the lake.

I ran to catch up with them, and when I did, I gave them a scolding that they won't soon forget.

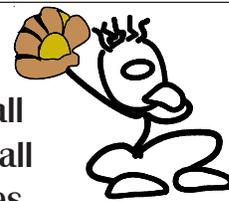
One of the girls did admit to living in Minerva Park. The others were apparently visiting her.

How unfortunate that these girls were so destructive and have not been taught to respect the property of others or to appreciate things of beauty.

Parents, please talk with your children and explain to them the importance of helping to keep Minerva Park a community of which we can be proud.

**Audrienne Brown**  
2863 Lakewood Dr.

### **Baseball & Softball Leagues**



The **Northern Columbus Athletic Association** has begun registration for summer **baseball and softball leagues** for ages 5 to 21. Games are played just south of Minerva Park off Rt. 3. For information, call **Johanne Stogran, 895-7866**.



**Minerva Park  
Police**

- 1-1 ....2:41a, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., false alarm.
- 1-7 ....9:34p, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 1-10 ..6:25a, 5300 blk Cleveland Ave., vehicle damaged by ice thrown by unknown person(s)
- 1-10 ..9:53a, 5460 Cleveland Ave., phone harassment.
- 1-11 ..2:04a, 5216 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 1-13 ..2:10a, 2500 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic dispute.
- 1-15 ..a theft on 1-12 reported.
- 1-15 ..7:58p, 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., false alarm.
- 1-16 ..4:00p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.
- 1-17 ..4:10a, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., domestic violence.
- 1-18 ..1:18p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.
- 1-19 ..1:47a, 5305 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering attempt.
- 1-20 ..11:30a, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft.
- 1-20 ..11:00a, 5001 Farview Rd., phone harassment.
- 1-22 ..12:40p, 5001 Farview Rd., theft.
- 1-23 ..5:21p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 1-25 ..5:30a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., burglary reported, no loss, minor damage.
- 1-25 ..9:16a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., license plate theft.
- 1-27 ..3:30a, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 1-27 ..3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated burglary reported between 1-23

- 5:00p & 1-26 9:00a.  
1-28 ..5:00p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., missing juvenile.
- 1-31 ..9:51a, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm.



*Villagers*

*Welcome  
Our New Neighbors!*

**Barbara Donley** is a new resident at **2807 Alder Vista Dr.**, employed at Bank One. Her number is **890-6078**.

**Anna Kretchetova & Alex Zolkin, Victor (7) & Matthew** (4 months) from Russia are new residents at **2720 Wildwood Rd. 898-5688**.

**Jim, Ryan, Stevee Marvin, and Terri, Jaime Hays, and Anthony Braden** are living at **2576 Minerva Lake Road**. Phone them at **891-4393**.

**Jason & Natalie Berecz, and Lilly (2)** reside now at **2631 Jordan Rd**. Welcome back from Florida. **891-9471**.

**Bill & Pat Polvino** are new residents at **2545 Woodley Rd.**, from Dayton OH. Phone **895-2537**.

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

**Medic 119 ...**  
Where are you?

### December 1998

In December, Medic 119 made 30 runs with 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 2 into Minerva Park - 14 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 659 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 13,022. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur (62 hours)**, **Jason Brockmeyer (62)**, and **Michael Ostrander (45 hours)**. **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 1259.3 hours.

### MP Runs

12-18 .. Cleveland Ave., chest pains

12-28 .. Minerva Lake Rd., injured person.

### January 1999

In January, Medic 119 made 44 runs with 13 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 5 into Minerva Park - 28 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 675 hours for the month. Leading volunteers for the month were **Pamela Price (78)**, **Michael Ostrander (60)**, and **Anthony Huffman (50)**. **Pamela Price** leads the year-to-date totals.

### MP Runs

1-9 ..... West Bridge Dr., ill person

1-10 .... Minerva Lake Rd., injured person

1-18 .... Dublin-Granville, injured person

1-20 .... Cleveland Ave., PHA

1-24 .... Maplewood Dr., ill person

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Minerva Park Church, 4930 Cleveland Ave.,  
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**10:00a** for children ages 5-10.  
All residents are welcome to participate.

"Celebrate Youth" is  
the theme of the  
**March 13** concert of  
the **Westerville  
Symphony**. Call park  
resident **Bonnie  
Townsend** at **890-2427** for  
details and ticket information.



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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:**  
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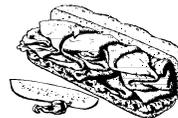
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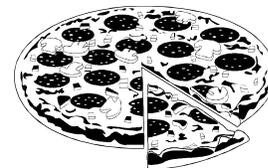


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