

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Founders Day to Include Parade and Garden Tour

### JULY 24

The second annual **Founders Day** celebration, **July 24**, is fast approaching, and details are being finalized for two new events: a children's parade and an evening tour of five local gardens.

If you have children or grandchildren who love parades, please have them march in the **morning Kid Parade** from the playground to the Community Building. Decorate bikes, wagons, strollers, and your children, or get together with your neighbors to design a small float. The MPCA has preschool-size band capes and instruments for wee ones interested in forming a band. We encourage all Minerva Park scouts (Boy, Cub, Girl, Brownies, Bluebirds) to march in the parade and to take part in the flag raising that follows.

A garden tour from 5:00p

to 8:00p will feature the homes of **Judy and Howard Wright, Tim Curry and Pam Park-Curry, Alison McArthur and Steven Laudon, Bob and Helen Gale, and Patti and George**



**Sidner**. All residents are welcome. The day-long event will be held at the Community Building and will include a historical presentation, music,

food, games, rides, zoo animals, and a pet show. A detailed schedule of events will be included in the July issue of *the Villager*.

There are still lots of opportunities to volunteer at the event for a half- or full hour, so please consider helping to make this event fun for everyone!

For information, contact **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895** or **Nancy Fry at 890-6845**.



For those of you who haven't yet noticed, the village has installed three-way stop signs at two intersections on Minerva Lake Road: at **North Bay Drive** (just west of the Community Building) and at **Far View Drive** (the school entrance). White lines were painted during the garage sale to make the new signs more obvious to those who travel the road often.

Police say that the warning period is coming to an end, and they will begin ticketing those who don't heed the new signs.

#### JUNE DATES

- 14 (8:00p) ..... Council Meeting
- 16 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 18 (5:00p) ..... Villager Deadline

## Village to Install New Equipment at Playground

Pretty soon, kids of all ages will be climbing, sliding, and exploring with new vigor at the Maplewood playground. They'll be romping on a new multi-level wooden play structure, which Council voted at its May meeting to spend approximately \$8,000 to build. Installation is scheduled for the end of June.

The sealed redwood structure, manufactured by Rainbow Play Systems, will feature four platforms covered



with wooden roofs, a spiral tube slide and a straight slide, a trapeze, a giant tic-tac-toe board, and a bubble window. Additional accessories include telescopes and a steering wheel. This model was chosen because it will allow several children to play on it at once and is safe for a wide age-range of children, including toddlers. The new equipment will be

located between the swings and the monkey bars. The two rocking horses will be moved to the area behind the monkey bars. The company installing the structure also will replace free of charge the two existing toddler swings and chains.

The project was initiated by the MPCA, which circulated petitions and presented a proposal to Council in May. More than 100 residents signed the petition requesting that the money which had been budgeted for playground improvements be used in this way. MP

The MPCA thanks everyone who participated in the annual Garage Sale fundraiser. The beautiful weather brought a large crowd of shoppers to our area despite heavy competition from other community sales.



We appreciate those who have paid their MPCA donations promptly. If you haven't yet contributed 10% of your proceeds, please send a check made out to "MPCA" to Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood Road, or drop it off at the Community Building.

Your contributions make it possible for the MPCA to provide many services, including a yearly resident directory, the monthly *Villager* newsletter, holiday parties, new resident welcomes, sunshine activities, and the annual Founders Day celebration.

### Brunch Casserole

- 1/2 lb sliced bacon
- 1/2 c chopped onion
- 1/2 c chopped green pepper
- 12 eggs
- 1 c milk
- 1 pkg (16 oz) frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1 c (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp dill weed

In a skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Remove with slotted spoon, crumble, set aside. In the drippings, saute onion and green pepper until tender; remove with a slotted spoon. Beat eggs & milk in a large bowl. Stir in hash browns, cheese, salt, pepper, dill, onion, green pepper, & bacon. Transfer to a greased 13" x 9" baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Yield: 6-8 servings

### Cheddar Pear Pie

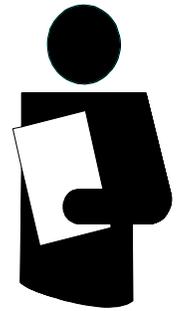
- 4 large ripe pears, peeled & thinly sliced
  - 1/3 c sugar
  - 1 tbs cornstarch
  - 1/8 tsp salt
  - 1 unbaked 9" pastry shell
- Topping**
- 1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese
  - 1/2 c all-purpose flour
  - 1/4 c butter, melted
  - 1/4 c sugar
  - 1/4 tsp salt

In a bowl, combine pears, sugar, cornstarch, & salt. Pour into pastry shell. Combine topping ingredients until crumbly; sprinkle over filling. Bake at 425 degrees for 25-35 minutes or until crust is golden and cheese is melted. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 6-8 servings.

*Recipes are from "Taste of Home" cooking magazine, April/May and June/July 1998 issues. If you would like to subscribe, please call 1-800-344-6913.*

# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



The contractor for the **water line replacement** on Minerva Lake Road has completed nearly all the work, including repairing or replacing parts of driveways and grading the pool parking lot. I've noticed that some of the newly seeded areas have not been watered. Frequent watering will be necessary for the seed to germinate.

The **lake dredging project** is progressing without major problems. As of May 14, there have been approximately 2,364,000 gallons of sludge removed from the South Lake.

The police reported that **traffic the day of the garage sale** was the heaviest in recent years. I hope everyone who participated made lots of money and now has enough space to store a lot of new stuff.

We are preparing for the **fall leaf pick-up** (already?!). The plan is to begin October 6 and continue through December 6. I'll probably nag you a little to get your leaves to the curb during this period. Last year, some folks were a little late, which created a small problem.

New **3-way stop signs** have been erected at intersections along Minerva Lake Road in an effort to slow the thru traffic. Hope it works. Council also discussed putting up "no thru trucks" signs at each end of Minerva Lake Road. No action was taken.

The large holes in the **pool parking lot** have been filled, and the entire lot has been graded. We may be able to add a top that will help control the dust.

Our Founders Day celebration scheduled for July 24 will now include **paddleboats** on the lake. There was some concern about the liability of such an event because children will be involved. It was

agreed that all participants would be required to wear life jackets.

The **lighting on the corporation markers** will be changed to a different style to create better illumination.

The ravine committee met with the concerned residents and representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to discuss the **erosion problem along the banks of Kilbourne Run**. The ODNR representatives have pledged their support in an effort to find a workable solution.

Council approved \$8,000 for new **playground equipment** to be installed in the current playground area along Maplewood Drive.

The **Planning & Zoning Commission** received a complaint that a commercial business was being conducted from a residence on Minerva Lake Road. The resident explained the presence of the various vehicles, so no further action was taken.

**Transfer of title** to a house on Maplewood was held up when it was discovered that the house was situated more than 4 feet forward of the building line. A variance was granted, because the house has been there for nearly 40 years, and there are probably others with the same situation.

We will have two new billboard type signs erected to post copies or summaries of **new legislation and meeting notices**. The law requires that such notices be posted in 5 public places if we do not have a newspaper published at least weekly.

In the March *Villager*, you read about 3 young girls who pulled up the **artificial flowers** on the Village property by the lake. One of the girls lives in the park. Following the

incident, this girl and her mother came to my home to apologize and to offer some community service. Although I certainly can't condone what the girl did with the flowers, I do admire her and her mother for the admission of guilt and the apology.

## Legislation

- Resolution 99-12 to increase the salary of the maintenance man. Passed.
- Resolution 99-13 to give the Mayor authority to seek funds for the replacement of Minerva Lake Road. Passed.
- Ordinance 4-99 to provide the means of posting legislation and meeting notices. Passed.

My Grandpa Murray's favorite quote: "Good judgment comes from experience, and the best of that comes from bad judgment."

## Locations for Meeting Notices

To better inform residents of upcoming government meetings, the village will post notices at five locations. Three are at the Community Building: on the entry window, on the bulletin board inside the door, and on the lighted sign outside the building. Signs are being constructed for the two new locations at the Minerva Park Swim Club and the Maplewood playground.

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## Lake Safety Reminder

If you're planning to fish, watch the ducklings, or check the lake dredging's progress, please keep away from the areas behind the orange fencing and behind the community building. The taut cables, hoses, and other equipment pose serious dangers for adults and especially children.

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Report of menacing threats that occurred on 3-26.
- 4-1 .... 5258 Cleveland, Sally Beauty Supply, theft.
- 4-3 .... 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., domestic dispute.
- 4-3 .... 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm (2 reports).
- 4-3 .... 5425 Cleveland Ave., U.S. Cleaners, false alarm.
- 4-4 .... 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., assault.
- 4-4 .... 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., report of criminal damaging that occurred on 4-3.
- 4-5 .... 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 4-7 .... 3205 E. Dublin-Granville, Consumer Support Services, false alarm.
- 4-8 .... 2800 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm.
- 4-13 .. 2700 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.
- 4-16 .. 5300 blk Parklane Ct., false alarm.
- 4-18 .. 5000 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic violence.
- 4-23 .. 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 4-25 .. 2800 blk Maplewood Dr., report of cruelty to animal that occurred on 4-22.
- 4-27 .. 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., telephone harassment.
- 4-28 .. 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., aggravated burglary.
- 4-29 .. 2700 blk Lakewood Dr., report of aggravated burglary that occurred between 4-12 & 4-29.
- 4-29 .. 5306 Cleveland Ave., Grand Canyon, menacing threats.
- 4-30 .. 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm.



## Villagers

A self-portrait by Minerva Park second grader **Melanie Fry** was presented May 6 to Embassy Suites Hotel as a thank you for their ongoing partnership with Hawthorne Elementary School. The picture, featuring a shadow, was chosen by Hawthorne's art teacher to represent the school and will be displayed at the hotel. Melanie lives with her parents **Nancy and Harry** and sister Emily on Minerva Lake Road.

## Welcome Our New Neighbors!

**Laura & Paul Graves** moved to **2656 Wildwood Rd.**, from Cleveland. Phone 794-3198.

**Julie Hard & Matt Heitzenrater** reside at **2680 Jordan Rd.** Phone 901-4151

**Dean & Julia Choops** with children **Ryan (14), Derek (10), Jenna (8), and Kristen (6)**, reside at **3182 Minerva Lake Rd.**, from the Strawberry Farms area. Phone 794-2337.

**Debra Stromater & Tom Lewis** reside at **2686 Wildwood Rd.** Phone 891-8826.

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



## Village Views

*"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. Letters must be submitted by the published deadline and include a name and phone number.*

### Letter to the Editor 5-4-99

This letter is to thank Sharon Bierman and Don Leman of Wildwood Road for their generous donation of hostas to the MinervaFlora Committee. Mary Yost had wanted to finish the hill behind the Community Building with hostas in a curve to the end of the slope nearest the lake. With Sharon's and Don's donation, it is now complete. Look out the windows of the Community Building and enjoy the beauty.

Mary Yost may no longer be here, but if you look at the Briar Rose island, you can enjoy her peonies, day lilies, lirioppe, and daffodils. Most of her friends have Mary's plants growing in their yards. I have quite a few in mine! Look and remember Mary, who wanted Minerva Park to have beauty in public & private places.

Now we can thank Sharon and Don and enjoy the beauty they, too, have donated to us.

**Jeanne Blair**  
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**Friday, June 18, 5:00 p.m.**