

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

July 24, Founders Day, Offers Something for Everyone

The second annual **Founders Day** celebration, **July 24**, will feature a day full of activities for residents of all ages, including a **children's parade and flag raising, historical talk, free food and rides, games, live music, paddleboat rentals**, and an **evening tour of five local gardens**. All events will be held at the **Community Building** unless otherwise noted. Because parking is extremely limited, able-bodied residents are strongly encouraged to walk or ride bikes to the event.

The celebration will kick off with the **Kid Parade led by Melody the Clown**. Have your children or grandchildren meet at the playground with their **decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, and selves**, or get together with your neighbors to design a **float** small enough to navigate the walking path around the lake. 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 it. For information, contact **Nancy Fry at 890-6845**.



A **historical presentation** by local historian **Bob Stuart** will begin immediately following the flag raising. Come early to take part in a **question-and-answer session** preceding his talk about Minerva Park's beginnings as an amusement park at the turn of the century.

After the historical presentation, join the party in the parking lot for **free food** served up by the **Minerva Park Fire Department** from noon to 2:00p and **live big band music** by **The Continentals**.

Games and activities are scheduled throughout the day and will include a **moonwalk, a clown around ride, a straw maze, face painting, watermelon seed spitting, bubble blowing, hula hooping**, and a **tug-of-war**. **Paddleboat rides** on the lake will also be offered for a small fee. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the boats and at the entire family-oriented event.

Two highlights of the afternoon will be a visit from **animals from the Columbus Zoo** at 2:00p and a **pet show** at 4:00p. Bring your beloved dog, cat, bunny, bird, tarantula—whatever—after the zoo animal show, please, to avoid potential conflicts. Every pet will win an award.

Founders Day will wrap up with a **garden tour** from 5:00p to 8:00p, featuring the homes of **Judy & Howard Wright, Tim Curry & Pam Park-Curry, Alison McArthur & Steven Laudon, Bob & Helen Gale, and Patti & George Sidner**. All residents are welcome.

There are still opportunities to **volunteer** at the event for half-hour increments, so please help to make this event fun for everyone! We will also **need all sizes of life jackets** for the boat rides. If you have some you could lend to the community association for the event, it would be greatly appreciated. Please label them with your name.

To volunteer your time or your life jackets, contact **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895** or **Nancy Fry at 890-6845**.

The MPCA will distribute flyers with last-minute details about Founders Day in mid-July. Watch your mailboxes!

JULY DATES

- 12 (7:00p)..... Village Budget Hearing & Council Meeting
- 14 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 16 (5:00p)..... Villager Deadline
- 19 Playground Installation
- 24 (9a - 8p) Founders Day

Founders Day ... Saturday, July 24

(Times are approximate.)

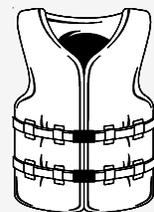


- 9:00a Participants assemble at playground for Kid Parade.
- 9:30a Kid Parade to Community Building begins. Watchers should gather around the path.
- 10:15a Flag raising by local scouts.
- 10:30a - noon Historical presentation by Bob Stuart begins immediately after flag raising.
- 10:00a - 2:00p Moonwalk, Clown Around ride, straw maze. Age and size restrictions apply.
- noon - 2:00p Free lunch.
- noon - 2:00p Big Band Music by The Continentals.
- 12:30p - 2:00p Games, contests, face painting.
- 2:00p Animals from the Columbus Zoo.
- 4:00p Pet Show. Please do not bring your pets until after the Zoo animals are gone.
- 4:30p Tug-of-War.
- 5:00p - 8:00p Garden Tour ...
 - Judy & Howard Wright 5239 East Shore Drive
 - Tim & Pam Park-Curry 2559 Lakewood Drive
 - Alison McArthur & Steve Laudon 2671 Lakewood Drive
 - Bob & Helen Gale 2690 Lakewood Drive
 - Patti & George Sidner 2710 Alder Vista Drive



Flag Raising

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Life Jackets Needed
(see pg.1)

Village to Discuss Removal of Old Playground Equipment at July Meeting

By Council President
Lynn Eisentrout

A petition was submitted at the June Village Council meeting to install an additional piece of playground equipment. The money was allocated, the project was approved, and an installation date was confirmed for mid-June. In the process of plotting exactly where to place the new equipment, the committee found that the playground design would be better if the existing slide and/or the monkey bars were removed. This option would be more cost-effective than moving them to accommodate the new, larger piece. The swings will remain where they are, as will the horses,

picnic table, benches, and trees.

We want to be sure that those residents who signed the petition are aware of the possibility of equipment removal. A new installation date has been confirmed for July 19. We on the council's Community Committee would appreciate your comments prior to the July 13 council meeting. The council will be making a decision at this meeting to remove one, both, or neither of the existing pieces of equipment.

Committee members:
Lynn Eisentrout, 890-0895
Pam Park-Curry, 890-5809
Marty Grosh, 899-1815

Lake Update

The first phase of the lake restoration project—dredging and excavation—will wrap up in early July and should be completed by the time this issue of *the Villager* is published, according to Councilman Dave Stahr. Aeration fountains are scheduled to be installed this month and may be in place by Founders Day. Some shoreline improvements will be made this summer and fall, but areas at the west end of the lake will most likely be completed next year. Sludge excavated from the lake and deposited on the new shoreline may take up to a year to dry completely enough for heavy equipment to smooth and grade it. Erosion-resistant plantings in that area will be made at that time.

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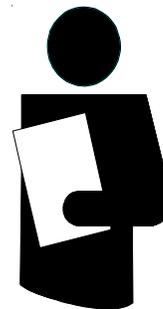
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MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



The Minerva Lake Road **water line replacement** project should be closed out this month so we can direct all our attention to the Woodley-Wildwood Roads project. By the way, those of you who have moved around the little yellow flags, you can take them down. We will probably have to place them again before we start to dig for the new line.

I'll remind you of the **trash pick-up policy** when there is a holiday. I received several calls during the Memorial Day week when the trash was not picked up on Wednesday. If one of the following holidays is on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the trash pick-up is delayed that week until Thursday. Those holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. *[Editor's Note: This information is on page 5 of your MPCA Community Directory.]*

We have had some questions concerning the responsibilities for the **removal of dead or damaged trees**, so I'll quote from our codified Ordinance 660.14, which states, "The owner or agent of the owner of any lot or parcel of land fronting or abutting on any street or public ground in the Village shall be responsible for the trimming and/or removal of all trees growing on or in the front or side of such premises, to include that portion of road right-of-ways abutting such premises. All dead, decaying, and broken limbs or branches that overhang a sidewalk or street or that are liable to fall thereon shall be removed from said trees. When any of said trees are dead, the owner of the premises or the agent of the owner shall take up the cause and remove the same from said lot or parcel of

land."

How 'bout those **new stop signs!!!** We've had numerous comments, some in favor, some opposed. To make a comment, please write a note so I can share it with council.

The **lights on the corporation markers** have been changed to a different style. Do you think they show up better?

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** recommended to council that a variance be granted to a Minerva Lake Road residence for the placement of a storage shed. Council granted the variance. Additionally, a demolition permit was granted to a Minerva Park resident to tear down a garage that was damaged by fire. They plan to replace it with a new garage.

We are still negotiating with the **service station** on Cleveland Avenue in an effort to make it look more presentable.

A representative of Northland Community Council reported on the status of the proposed changes at **Northland Mall**. They are opposing the loss of the major store to Easton and the effect it would have on area shoppers.

The **Girl Scouts** made some very attractive thank you cards for their using the community building for their meetings. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

A drawing for the placement of **playground equipment** was submitted to council. The project will not be finalized until further research is completed to determine the best placement of the equipment.

The **lake-dredging project** is going well. A catch basin is planned for an area near the culvert at Cleveland Avenue. The fountains

should be installed by July 24, Founders Day.

The July Council meeting will begin at 7:00p, at which time the **budget for the year 2000** will be presented at a public hearing.

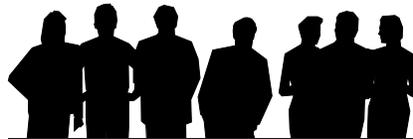
Resolutions presented at the June meeting were:

- 99-12 - Maintenance Supervisor pay increase. Passed.
- 99-14 - Authorizes the Village to contract with the Board of commission of Franklin County for a block housing grant. Passed.
- 99-15 - Entrance marker landscaping. Tabled.
- 99-16 - Leaf contract authorization. Passed.

My neighbor said that a psychiatrist is someone who will give you expensive answers that your spouse will give you for free.

Food Bank Collection Continues

Thanks to everyone who has contributed non-perishable food to our NCC collection for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The drive will continue through the end of the year. To participate, bring items to the box inside the front door of the Community Building. Please mark your donations "Food Bank."



- 5-3 10:30a, 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., #310, theft reported.
- 5-4 4:55p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated menacing.
- 5-5 8:15p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated menacing.
- 5-5 1:30p, Storage Inns of America, a Dublin stolen vehicle recovered.
- 5-8 11:50a, 2900 blk Berry Lane Court, false alarm.
- 5-9 3:50p, Grand Canyon, false alarm.
- 5-10 .. 5:50p, Gordon Food Service, false alarm.
- 5-13 .. 3:00a, MP Place Nursing Home, theft reported.
- 5-13 .. 9:20p, Household Finance Co., false alarm.
- 5-14 .. 3:45p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 5-15 .. 1:45p, 3000 blk Carleton Court, false alarm.
- 5-17 .. 3:00p, Sally Beauty Supply, theft reported.
- 5-21 .. 9:24p, Gordon Food Service, false alarm.
- 5-22 .. 12:30p, Pagelink, assault.
- 5-24 .. 3:30, 5400 blk Park Lane Court, false alarm.
- 5-26 .. 5:40p, Business Professional America, 5454 Cleveland, false alarm.
- 5-26 .. 1:00p, Hawthorne Elementary, aggravated menacing.
- 5-27 .. 9:23p, Gordon Food Service, false alarm.
- 5-29 .. 8:00p, 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., theft of 5-28 reported.
- 5-31 .. 10:30a, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.

Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

Jason & Gretchen Persohn from E. Liperpool, are residents at **2614 Maplewood Dr.**, 898-0903.

Todd & Sharon Walter, Amanda 13, Shane 11, Nicholas 8, Emily 4, from Tiffin are residents at **3042 Minerva Lake Rd.**, 891-5766.

Leonard, Dana Williams, & Althea (7 mo) just moved to **2655 Maplewood Dr.**, from Upper Arlington. 794-0207.

Michael Pajak moved to **2761 Wildwood Rd.**, originally from West Virginia, 882-7257.

Robert & Nancie Baker, Samantha 5, & Jordan 7, from Clintonville, now live at **2777 Lakewood Dr.**, 523-2860.

Bob & Pati Nasal live at **2688 Alder Vista Dr.**, 898-9329.

Arnetta Wilson has moved to **2621 Maplewood Dr.**, from Clintonville, 890-9077.

John & Vera Hassell, from Upper Arlington, live at **2739 Maplewood Dr.**, 890-5766.

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

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

May 1999

In May, Medic 119 made 42 runs with 10 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 4 into Minerva Park - 22 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 885 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,789. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tim McClanahan** (91 hours), **Anthony Huffman** (67 hours), and **Mike Ostrander** (66 hours). **Anthony Huffman** leads the year-to-date totals with 292 hours each.

MP Runs

- 5-3 Alder Vista, ill person
- 5-10 Minerva Park Place, fire alarm
- 5-15 Cleveland & Maplewood, MVC
- 5-29 Cleveland Ave., seizure

Pet Care - 15-year-old boy will care for your pets while you are away. Dogs & cats in your home ... other small animals can be cared for in my home. Four years' experience, reliable, responsible. Call Steve at 891-2532.



Minerva Flora News

by Bob Gale, Chair,
MinervaFlora Committee

Pettits Win Late Spring Garden Award

The Late Spring Garden Award competition was conducted the first weekend of June. The winners of the award are **John & Lisa Pettit, 2666 Woodley Road**. Here are some of the judges' comments: "A very attractive display ... nice variety of perennials mixed with evergreens ... also blooming in the bed at the front of the house were lilacs, bell flowers, daisies, white geraniums, and other plants ... I was also impressed with the flowering basement window wells - the owners planted with annuals!"

The Pettits will receive a certificate of recognition and be put on the permanent plaque at the Community Building.

First runner-up was **George and Patti Sidner, 2710 Alder Vista**. The judges like the

garden design and the variety of textures and plantings, including lavender, daisies, day lilies, juniper, roses, and grasses.

Second runner-up was **Marty Fletcher, 3254 Minerva Lake Road**. Highlights included the front stone wall, colorful hanging baskets, and nice roses & flowering perennials, combined with hostas and garden statues.

Other nominated gardens were 5336 Ponderosa Dr., 5386 Park Lane, 5244 East Shore Dr., 2585 Minerva Lake Rd.

Thanks to all of the residents for their nominations and beautiful entries, and special thanks to the judges for their time and effort in choosing the winner!

Be sure to visit other Minerva Park gardens on Founders Day, July 24.

MPCA Seeks New Villager Editor

Are you a frustrated (or successful) journalist or a writer? The MPCA is seeking an organized person to take over as editor of *the Villager* in the fall. The position is a great way to get to know more about Minerva Park and meet or reconnect with your neighbors. No professional experience in the field is necessary, and the position could be shared by more than one person. For more information, contact MPCA president **Nancy Fry at 890-6845** or *Villager* editor **Felicia Busick at 794-3862**.

Cherry S'Mores

A new twist on an old favorite!

1 plain milk chocolate candy bar
(7 oz)
8 graham cracker squares
8 large marshmallows
1 c cherry pie filling

This recipe is from "Quick Cooking" magazine, May/June 1999 issue. Please call (800) 3440-6913 if you would like to subscribe.

Divide chocolate into 8 pieces; place a piece on each graham cracker. Top with a marshmallow. Place two crackers at a time on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave on high for 10-15 seconds or until chocolate is melted and marshmallow is puffed. Top each with 1 tablespoon of pie filling.

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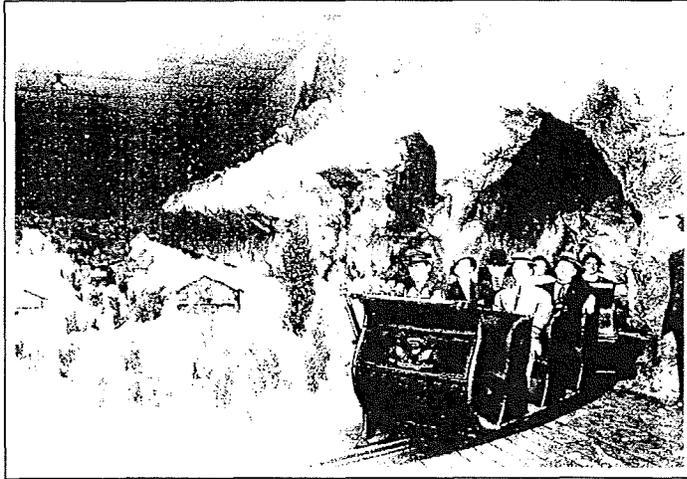
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THE SCENIC RAILROAD-Continued

The Scenic Railway consisted of four cars, each carrying ten people at a time, and making a round trip in 2½ minutes. The grip man would give his loaded car a slight push which sent it down a slight decline at the bottom of which ran an endless cable. (The cable hoisting mechanism was housed in the white building beneath the raised track section.) As the car passed over this cable the grip-man "grabbed" it with his lever and the car was carried rapidly up the incline. At the top of the incline, the grip was released and the car would roll down the inclined slope by gravity and up again into a scenic panorama.

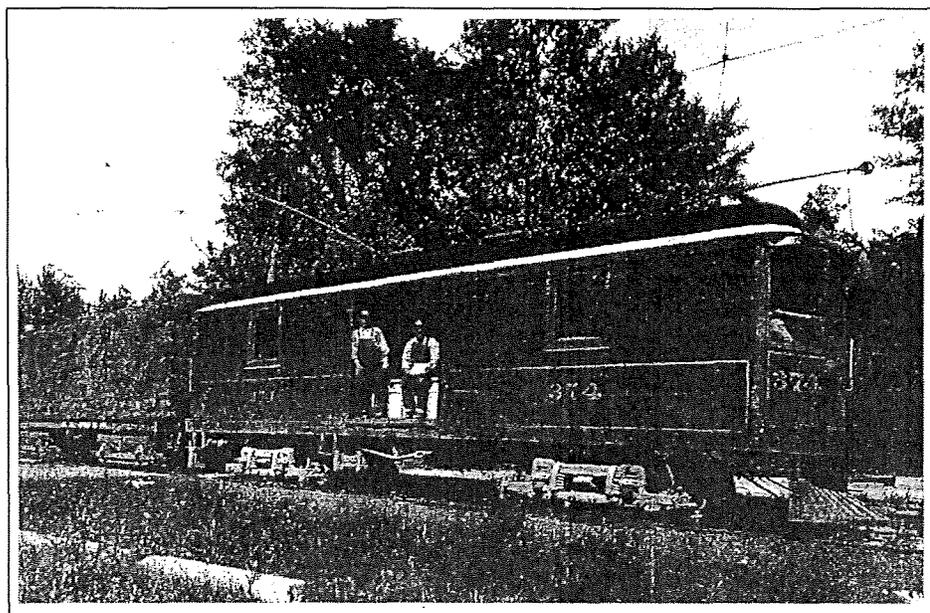
As the car dashed into the cave the passenger was confronted with all sorts of hideous animals which would have inhabited the depths of the sea, such as dragons, lobsters, sword fish, shells, and the like. Finally the car stops in a closed, heated, subterranean room and as the passengers begin to look about, they hear weird music coming from some hidden grotto. The car revolves and a vision of tropical loveliness dawns upon them. One does not have to look long to take in all the beauties of a day in the tropics. A huge alligator lying in the sun, opens his mouth at the approach of a young black boy, but before the observer can ascertain what becomes of the boy, the car has started again, and as it runs downward towards the open air, it dashes through the cool ice cave, the light effects of which are intensely lifelike. After the trip lasting but 2½ minutes, the traveler has explored the ocean, visited the tropics and seen the beauties of the ice caves of the Arctic. At night the effect was said to be especially realistic.

The scenic railroad was always the Mecca for children and young folk. One was never too old to enjoy the oddity of rushing into and out of the grim cavern, lighted by electricity and haunted by goblins and terrible animals which reminded one of the enchanted caves of fairy stories.

THE ICE HOUSE

The ice used to cool the ice cave for the Scenic Railroad was stored near what today is the spillway for the dam across Minerva Lake. The ice was purchased from commercial ice houses in Columbus and shipped to Minerva by trolley since taking ice from the lake was considered too unreliable. Ice was not the only product that was shipped by trolley in the early part of this century as attested by the photo.

The photo was taken in 1930 within Minerva Park.



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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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