

the Villager



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Lake Project Hits Snags But Achieves Goals

As happens with any large undertaking, the village's \$365,000 lake restoration project ran into a few challenges. But as the first phase of the project is wrapping up, village officials are pleased with the outcome—a healthier and more attractive lake.

Councilman Dave Stahr, who has overseen the project since the beginning, has worked closely with the dredging company, Metropolitan Environmental, to ensure the project is done as completely and as cost effectively as possible. Stahr reported that the project's primary objectives have been achieved.

When the project began, two-thirds of the lake was less than one foot deep, and it contained silt islands at the western end that trapped debris and served as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. After dredging and excavation, the lake is now 3-12 feet deep, and the western end has been cleared. More than 5.6 million gallons of sludge were dredged and removed, and about 4,000 cubic yards were excavated. These totals represent nearly 100,000 gallons and 3,000 yards more than the original contract amount.

The next step for the village is to install three aeration fountains and a catch basin near Cleveland Avenue, which will prevent city debris from reaching the lake. Shoreline improvements, restocking, and landscaping are expected to begin this fall. To reduce future build-up in the lake, the village will

continue to help homeowners along Kilbourne Ravine find funding for erosion control measures, Stahr added. So far, four residents have received state grants of \$2,700 each.

Stahr said he is thankful to the many residents who supported this effort to preserve the lake for future generations. "It is the hope of the council that the lake will serve as a showplace of the village for years to come," he said.

Despite the project's success, it has not been without complications. Early logistical challenges necessitated a few compromises, including excavating rather than dredging the westernmost section of the lake. Because the area contained so much material that would be difficult to dredge, the village opted for less expensive excavation, allowing more sludge to be removed for the same price. When it was later discovered that the excavated material could not be taken away cost effectively, the sludge was mounded onto the reserve area behind three Minerva Lake Road properties, removing a number of trees and changing the area's topography. The area, visible from the dam end of the lake, will be graded to blend in with the hillside and planted with ground covers, shrubs, and trees.

Later, as the dredging project approached the contract's volume limit, it became clear that all the areas would not be done unless

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Deadline to Run for Office in Minerva Park Approaches

The terms of office of Minerva Park **Council Representatives** Lynn Eisentrout and Bill Moore, **Mayor** Jack Murray, and **Clerk-Treasurer** Suzanne Coulter will expire on December 31. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, which begin January 1, 2000, you must pick up a petition, get signatures, and file it with the Franklin County Board of Elections by August 19. For more information, contact **Peggy** or **Marlene** at the Board of Elections at **462-3100**.

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AUGUST DATES

9 (8:00p) **Council Meeting**
 11 (7:30p) **MPCA Meeting**
 19 **Election Filing Deadline**
 20 (5:00p) **Villager Deadline**
 28 **Pool Corn Roast**
 31 **Directory Ads Deadline**

LAKE continued from page 1. some sections originally slated for dredging were excavated instead. Council voted at a special meeting July 1 to approve the diversion of \$4,500 from another part of the total bond amount to cover excavation of the southeastern shore and a stretch of shoreline just west of the Community Building. This reallocation of

funds will reduce money available for such improvements as landscaping but will not increase the total cost of the project to residents. Rumors about the project being over budget were false, Stahr stated.

If you have any questions about the lake, call **Dave Stahr** at **890-8819**.

Council Votes to Remove Old Playground Equipment

Minerva Park Council voted at its July meeting to remove old equipment to make room for the new play structure at the Maplewood playground. No residents opposed the plan to remove the existing slide and monkey bars. Tear-down was scheduled for the week of July 19 with the installation of the new multi-level wooden structure to follow. The village will keep the swings, horses, picnic table, benches, and trees as they were.

MPCA News

MPCA Seeks President and Villager Editor for 1999-2000 Term

The community association is still looking for nominees for MPCA president and for a new editor for *the Villager* for the 1999-2000 program year. The president leads monthly meetings and oversees community association activities. The *Villager* editor gathers information about community activities and coordinates the monthly publication. Both positions offer a chance to get to know more about Minerva Park and meet or reconnect with your neighbors. The editor position requires no professional journalism experience, and the position could be shared by more than one person.

Nominations for president and other officers will be made at this month's MPCA meeting. Elections will be held in September for terms beginning in October.

The MPCA really needs your involvement to continue to provide all its programs. Please consider volunteering your time! For more information, contact MPCA president **Nancy Fry** at **890-6845** or *Villager* editor **Felicia Busick** at **794-3862**.

Garage Sale Proceeds Still Outstanding

Donations from garage sale proceeds are still trickling in, but many participants have not yet made their 10% contribution. Every year the MPCA organizes this huge event in exchange for a small registration fee and 10% of the proceeds. Most donations cost residents far less than the cost of an ad, and the event always draws big crowds.

We'd like to thank all the residents who have contributed, thus supporting one of the MPCA's largest annual fund-raising drives. Your donations help pay for the *Villager*, an annual directory, holiday events, Founders Day, college scholarships, village gardens, and community improvement projects.

If you have not paid your 10% to the MPCA, please honor your pledge immediately by sending a check to **Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood** or dropping it at the **Community Building**. Your check should be made payable to "Minerva Park Community Association."

Founders Day

Watch for photos and details about the July 24 Founders Day celebration in the next issue of *the Villager*.

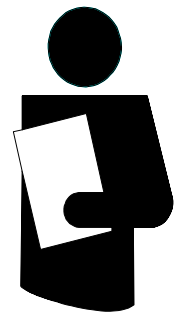
Food Bank Collection Continues

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."

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**.

Lost - Light tan umbrella and a pair of reading glasses. Please call **882-5186**.

MAYOR'S REPORT



By Jack Murray

Just when I thought I had the **trash pick-up** days and the holidays all figured out, the trash people decided to disagree as to when Independence Day should be celebrated. So, for those who had to keep their trash another week, sorry about that. We hope to do better next year.

Following a public hearing on our **Year 2000 budget**, it was approved by council. If we do not have any major, unexpected expenses, we should be able to meet all our obligations for the year.

The **Y2K computer scare** is still a concern of many. We have all heard mixed reviews on the Y2K challenge – some predict dire consequences, while others predict no impact at all. The truth is, no one knows for certain what effect the Y2K transition will have. From the information presented at the various seminars I've attended, it appears that most of the important functions have been taken care of. (So, I'm not going to worry until my lights go out New Year's Eve.)

The considerable preparation for the **Founders Day** celebration resulted in an excellent program.

The people who put the program together should be commended.

July Council Meeting ...

The Northland Community Council, which is made up of 23 northeast communities, reported that they met and discussed the **Morse Road revitalization** program. A Columbus council representative reported that \$5 million has been set aside for this project. Mr. Jacobs said he is going to remodel Northland Mall and maintain it as a Class A mall.

The Planning & Zoning Commission reported that a **storage shed** was approved for a Minerva Lake Road residence. A variance request for a **fence** was disapproved by council several months ago, but it is being reintroduced on the basis of special circumstances. The parking of too many vehicles at the **service station** at Cleveland Avenue and Woodley Road has improved.

There were some **favorable comments** from citizens in attendance concerning the council and other Village officials. This doesn't happen very often.

Some **new playground**

equipment should be installed in the park area by the time you read this. This equipment will replace some of the older pieces.

The **lake dredging** should be completed by the first of August. There was some damage from the trucks on our street, parking lot, and path across the dam, which must be repaired.

A contract with McKinney Landscaping has been accepted for the **fall leaf pick-up** program in the amount of \$13,500.

We will erect **speed restriction signs** at the pool parking lot. This was done in response to complaints made by a few individuals of excessive speeds.

A contract with American Electric Power was approved to furnish Minerva Park with the necessary power for **public lighting**.

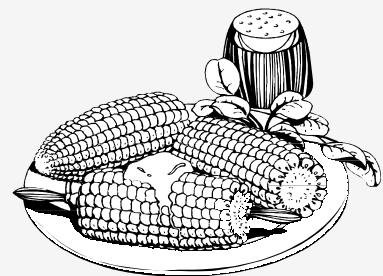
My Grandpa used to say that life is subject to change without notice.

YOU'RE INVITED ...

All MP residents and their families & friends are invited to meet at the pool for an evening of food & fun for all ages.

Adults \$8
 Children 5-12 \$4.50
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Saturday, August 28
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 5:00p - 7:00p Food Served
 6:00p Auction Begins



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Rumpke Recycling



Got a bunch of orange stickers on your recycling bin? You've probably tried to recycle something our refuse collector, Rumpke, won't take. Here's a list of what they consider recyclable:

Paper: magazines, newspapers, telephone books (on a seasonal basis).

Boxes/Cartons: fluted cardboard packing and

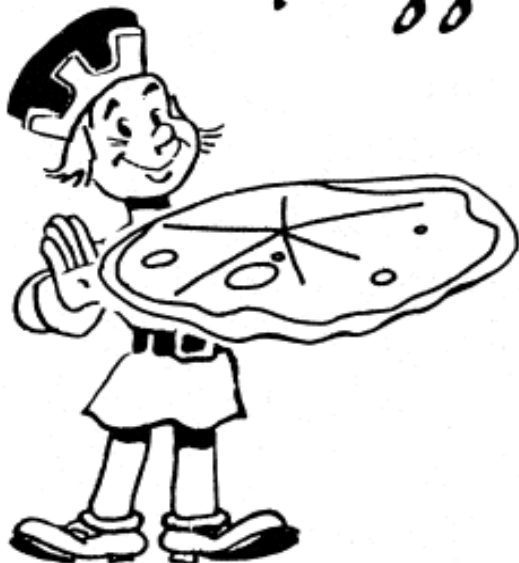
pizza boxes, children's drink boxes, milk and juice cartons with gabled lids.

Glass: clear, green, and brown bottles and jars.

Plastics: plastic containers marked with #1 or #2.

Metal: aluminum beverage cans, clean aluminum pie plates and foil, tin/steel cans used for soup and tuna, etc.

Angela's Pizza



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Coupon

August 1999 Minerva Park Villager
 expires 10-31-99



- 6-13 .. 9:10a, 5000 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic violence complaint.
- 6-4 11:36p, GFS, 5400 Cleveland, false alarm.
- 6-5 11:35p, GFS, 5400 Cleveland, false alarm.
- 6-17 .. 12:32a, Inskip Brothers' Printing, 3193 E. Dublin-Granville, false alarm.
- 6-17 .. 8:30a, 5300 blk Parklane Dr., criminal damaging reported.
- 6-19 .. 8:30p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., dog running at large.
- 6-21 .. 7:05a, 2800 blk Alder Vista Dr., unauthorized use of motor vehicle on 6-14 reported.
- 6-23 .. 12:55p, Quick Stop Payless Gas Station, 5216 Cleveland Ave., domestic violence complaint.
- 6-24 .. 1:30a, Inskip Brothers' Printing, 3193 E. Dublin-Granville, false alarm.
- 6-24 .. 9:30a, Tinaz Tans, 5364 Cleveland Ave., theft on 6-22 reported.
- 6-24 .. 5:15p, 5300 blk Parklane Dr., criminal damaging reported.
- 6-26 .. 10:30a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.

A business-card-size ad in *the Villager* costs only \$15 and reaches more than 600 households. For details, call **794-3862**.



Villagers

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Travis & Ruth Crane, Ryan (3.5 months), moved to 2807 Wildwood Rd. from Westerville. 895-9352.

Joey & Jessque Lee, Lora (6), **Jonathan** (4), from Florida to 2505 Maplewood Dr. 890-8977.

Darlene Feast & Rick West now reside at 5311 East Shore Dr. 794-1413.

Robert & Barbara Hill have moved to 5321 East Shore Dr. 895-7309.

Keith & Jency Kistler Glendon are residents at 2621 Woodley Rd. 895-0392.

Tom & Sally Meeks are residents at 2839 Park Lane Dr. 882-9523.

Patricia & Nancy Feick & dad Clarence now reside at 3023 Minerva Lake Rd., originally from Akron. 901-8734.

Tom & Kate Fletcher have moved to 2800 Park Lane Dr. 899-7404.

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

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

June 1999

In May, Medic 119 made 38 runs with 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 5 into Minerva Park - 22 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 724 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,512. Leading volunteers for the month were **Anthony Huffman** (98 hours), **Brian Newcomb** (72 hours), and **Thomas Ruggles** (54.3 hours). **Anthony Huffman** leads the year-to-date totals with 390 hours.

MP Runs

- 6-19 Cleveland Ave., unconscious person.
- 6-23 Cleveland Ave., ill person.
- 6-24 Maplewood Dr., PHA.
- 6-24 Lakewood, injury.
- 6-30 Wildwood Dr., diabetic illness.


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The Villager is distributed to all MP homes on the 1st Monday of each month inside a plastic hang bag - either alone or with advertising flyers. Residents are invited to submit articles, letters to the editor, & other items of interest. Use the drop box at the Community Building or on the Editor's front door.

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, August 20, 5:00 p.m.