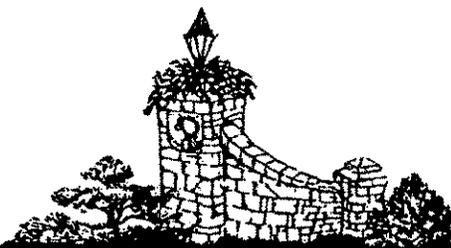


the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



After marching in the children's parade, local scouts raised the U.S. flag at the Community Building to commence activities for Minerva Park's second annual Founders Day celebration, July 24. Nearly 200 residents enjoyed free food, music, rides, and more at the day-long event. For details, see page 2.

Villager to Stop Publication without New Editor

The last issue of *the Villager* will be in October if no one steps forward to take over as editor. The MPCA has exhausted its network of possible replacements and implores any organized resident to volunteer to be the publication's editor for a year. Anyone with any writing, teaching, or secretarial experience would be well-qualified. Computer skills are not necessary—Sharon Bierman will continue to do the layout.

The editor's monthly duties include gathering information about community activities, advertising sales and coordinating printing

according to a set schedule. The position offers a chance to get to know more about Minerva Park and to meet or reconnect with your neighbors. Co-editors could share the responsibilities.

The community association is also looking for nominees for MPCA president for the 1999-2000 program year. The president leads monthly meetings and oversees community association activities. For more information, contact MPCA president Nancy Fry at 890-6845 or *Villager* editor Felicia Busick at 794-3862.

MPCA Officers & Committee Chairs Sought

The MPCA will hold elections for NCC representatives and 1999-2000 officers at its **September 15** meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend and vote. There also are a number of committees that need chairpeople and helpers. Many of these posts take very little time. Please contact Nancy Fry at 890-6845 if you are interested.

Lake Clean-Up

Help clean up our newly renovated lake areas ...

Saturday, September 25
8 am - noon

Activities will include weed cutting, tree trimming, debris removal, and some landscaping around the new areas. Meet at the community building for assignments. Please bring your rakes, saws, and pruners and help us beautify the lake!

SEPTEMBER DATES

- 13 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 15 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 17 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 25 (8:00a - noon) . Lake Clean-Up

MPCA News

Residents Celebrate Founders Day

Nearly 200 residents celebrated the village's beginnings at the MPCA's second annual Founders Day celebration, July 24. The event offered something for everyone: a historical presentation, live big band music by The Continentals, paddleboat rides on the renewed south lake, a pet show, a children's parade, rides and games, face painting, free food, and an evening garden tour.

The MPCA wishes to thank the event organizers, Felicia Busick, Lynn Eisentrout, and Nancy Fry and everyone who helped make this event a success: the MP Fire Department for purchasing and preparing lunch and creating the wonderful box maze; Bob Stuart for his informative historical presentation; Melody the Clown for leading the parade and making balloon animals; Officer Dan Wolfam for distributing flyers to

residents; Officers Larry Edwards and Rex Waldenmeyer for traffic control; Rolla Wagner for signage and arranging for the zoo animals; Tom Shannon for supervising the flag ceremony; Dave Stahr and the Minerva Park Council for arranging, transporting, and paying for the paddleboats; Alum Creek Marina and the Ohio Division of Water Safety for life jackets; Harry Fry, Jeff Howard, Jim Hughes, and Tim Monaco for set-up and tear-down. Thanks also go to the bakers who provided dessert for the lunch: Yvonne Giammarco, Lenore Gregor, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Marianne Hostetter, Becky Hockett, Lori Howard, Marcy Monaco, Nancy Phillips, Connie Presson, and Ella Wagner.

This event was a big success that we hope to make even better next year. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 22, 2000 and plan to attend and volunteer.

Parade Participants

Jordan Baker, Samantha Baker, Grace Busick, Christopher Clark, Katrina Clark, Emily Fry, Melanie Fry, Andrew Hard, Matthew Hard, Gigi Howard, Luke Howard, Nicholas Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Max Pendell, Alicia Sipe, Steve Sipe, Annie Terez, Melanie Terez, Mario Viola, Mary Kate Viola, Michaela Viola, Anthony Woods, Candace Woods,

Pet Show Winners

Derrek Braun with Charlie – Most Exotic

Devon Braun with Spikes – Spunkiest

Karen Cox with Grady – Most Rolls with Curliest Tongue

Melanie & Emily Fry with Lizzie – Friendliest

Breanna Nemece with Quick Chick – Most Ornate

Reagan Nemece with Watcheye – Most Well Behaved

Sam & Meg Presson with Tibbs – Best Performer

Rose Smith with Peanut – Tiniest

Candace Woods with Mitzi – Liveliest



Founders Day Garden Tour

by Bob Gale, Chair,
MinervaFlora Committee

The garden tour the capped off Founders Day was very well received. Many of the garden owners reported that they even received thank you notes from residents who toured their gardens!

MinervaFlora committee members can expect to receive in early September a list of fall clean-up dates and contact names. Thanks for all your help this summer!

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray

It appears that the **cost of our waste collection** will increase. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio will impose a Retired Facility Fee of \$7 per ton on all refuse generated in the village. This fee is to help pay the debt service obligation of all retired facilities, including the trash burning plant. I suspect the increase will begin in the first of the year 2000. This fee must be paid regardless of the trash hauling company we use.

The regularly scheduled council meeting was not held in August. The Planning and Zoning Commission met and approved a **permit for a deck** on Lakewood Drive. A matter of multiple families living in a house on Alder Vista Dr. was brought to the attention of the commission. This will be investigated.

The Ohio legislature recently passed HB-283, which regulates **public right-of-way**. The language severely limits any action that a political subdivision can take to

regulate the public right-of-way within their city or village boundaries. Dublin has begun legal action against the legislation, and Dublin's legal representative will present its case at a meeting August 20, which I hope to attend.

The scheduled start date for our **Phase IV waterline project** may be extended to next spring. These are lines on Woodley Rd., Wildwood Rd., Westbridge Rd., North Bay Dr., and Cardinal Court. I wanted to start the project this month, but so far we have received only one inquiry from a contractor. There is so much development going on that most of the contractors have all the work they can handle. I hope we don't have the number of waterline breaks this winter that we had last year. There shouldn't be, because most of those breaks were on Minerva Lake Rd. and that line has been replaced. We'll see what happens.

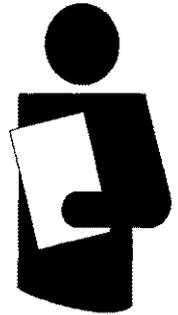
Do you know for sure if **alcoholic beverages** can be sold in the Village

of Minerva Park? Because we thought that we were about to receive a request for a permit to do so, and because our ordinances do not specifically prohibit such sales, our building inspector visited the Election Board to research the question. Tom found that the village was voted dry, back in 1938 before it was incorporated.

We will try again to restore the **landscaping along Minerva Lake Rd.** I want to thank those residents on Minerva Lake Rd. for responding to my request for notes on the subject. I hope it does some good.

We will probably do some **street patching** throughout the Village before winter. This will be minor sealing and repair.

Jim just told me that it's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.



Candidates File Petitions, but No One Vies for Two Council Seats

Only three candidates filed petitions with the Franklin County Board of Elections to run for four Minerva Park political positions in the November election. Running for the office of mayor are Darrell Kem, 3237 Minerva Lake Road, and incumbent Jack Murray, 5299

Elmhurst Avenue. Running for clerk-treasurer is incumbent Suzanne Coulter, 3128 Minerva Lake Road. No one has filed a petition to run for one of the two available council seats being vacated by Lynn Eisentrout and Bill Moore. The terms will begin January 1, 2000.



Keep Playground Equipment Nice for Kids

Some residents have complained that the playground has become a hang-out for some local teens. In fact, the new structure wasn't even finished before it was vandalized with graffiti. The playground, which closes at dusk, is a place for younger children to play. Please encourage your teens to find alternative gathering places and to keep the area nice for our youngest residents!



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Police Alert

From MP Police Chief Bobbie Hillard

Recently, an envelope containing a check was stolen from a Minerva Park mailbox. The check was later altered and presented for payment. Fortunately, the error was caught in time.

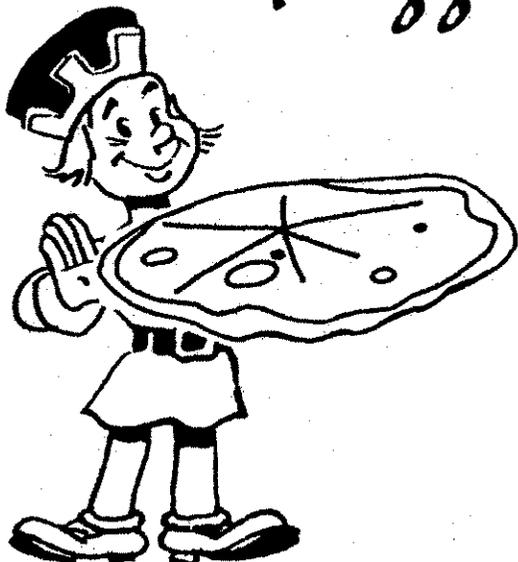
While only one other such incident has been reported in Minerva Park, this type of crime has been a serious problem in some of the communities surrounding us. To avoid mail thefts, please use caution and observe strange activity when placing something in your

mailbox for pick-up and consider having new orders of checks delivered to your bank instead of your home.

Also, the Minerva Park Police continue to be concerned about the increasing number of residents who leave garage doors open overnight and/or when they are away. Our officers will continue to notify homeowners with open doors so they will not become the victims of theft or burglary. Criminals look for opportunity. Please don't provide it.



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- 7-1 ... 4:15a, Dirko's Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering.
- 7-2 ... 6:43a, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm.
- 7-7 ... 1:03a, Cardinal Home Care, 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., false alarm.
- 7-14 . 8:45p, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., telephone harassment.
- 7-17 . 11:33a, MP Furniture Gallery, 5200 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 7-18 . between midnight to 5:15a, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal mischief.
- 7-21 . 9:38a, U.S. Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., menacing threats.
- 7-23 . from 7:00p - 7:45p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft.
- 7-27 . 2600 blk Jordan Rd., theft on 7-24 reported.
- 7-28 . from 1:00p - 5:00p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft.
- 7-30 . between noon to 3:00p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft.



Villagers

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

David & Louann Cook, Rebecca (14), & Christopher (10) are residents at 2752 Minerva Lake Rd. 890-2163

Kevin & Melissa Bacon are new residents at 5325 Ponderosa Dr. 890-1285

Tracy & Tiffany Robb moved to 2679 Woodley Rd. from Heath OH. 794-9475

Dick Greer, Trina Shively, & Chuck Kahler are residents at 2784 Alder Vista Dr. 901-0734

Dan & Cindy Donofrio & Michael (18) are residents at 3238 Minerva Lake Rd., from Westerville. 523-0315

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

Reduce Unwanted Mail

- Whenever you donate money, order a product or service, or fill out a warranty card, write in large letters, "Please do not sell my name or address."
- Avoid sending product warranty cards—they are not required in most situations.
- Ask your credit card not to sell your name.
- Avoid "contests" where you fill in a little entry blank.
- Select a false initial or road designator (St., Ct.) for each charity or business you deal with. Keep track of which letter goes with which organization. This step can be very revealing. Changing the spelling of your name can lead to duplicate mailings.

First class mail - Cross out the address and bar code, circle the first class postage, and write "refused: return to sender" and mail it back.

Bulk mail - The post office throws away bulk mail it can't deliver, so returning it does no good.

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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. To be considered, letters must be submitted by the published deadline and include a name and phone number.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following Fire Department members and supporters for their tremendous efforts in helping to make the Founders Day celebration a success:

Lt. Denny Swick, Carol Stevens, and Laura Hansen for double duty, staffing the medic while serving lunch.

Coordinator Mike Ostrander, Greg Norton, and Gib Warner for staffing the paddleboat rescue craft.

Coordinator Mike Ostrander, Greg Norton, and Laura Riley for building the box maze. This particular feat was made exemplary when we received about an inch of rain after the maze had been built Friday night. We got it covered, but the outer ring was still lost. They had the entire maze ready for exploration again by 10:00a Saturday.

A very big thanks goes to Continental Office VP Ralph Rosenfield and Warehouse Supervisor Dennis Carson and his great crew for the 120 big boxes they saved for us. The peals of laughter coming from the maze said it all!

Rick Hoechstetter
Assistant Fire Chief

Letter from MPCA President

Because my term as MPCA president ends this month, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the past two years. I never could have done it without the help of the people who make up the community association—the officers, committee chairpeople, and the many volunteers. They are the ones who keep our organization going. I have enjoyed working with all of them, and my life has been enriched by the friendships I've made through the MPCA. I would especially like to thank my husband, Harry (the draftee). He's the guy who got always got stuck doing things at the last minute or late the night before an event.

The community association has accomplished a great deal during the last two years. Being an active member of the community—rather than just someone who lives here—has brought me a sense of pride and personal accomplishment. I encourage everyone to get involved in community activities. The time you invest will make a difference in Minerva Park and in your life.

Nancy Fry
Outgoing MPCA President

Community Association Needs Volunteers for Success

Every year at this time, the Minerva Park Community Association scrambles to find individuals to oversee the numerous programs and events it coordinates. This proves to be a more difficult task each year. Work, school, home, and other activities take up so much of our lives, there seems to be time for little else.

The MPCA has four elected officers and 11 committees that coordinate a number of programs for residents. Through these committees, we strive to enhance the lives of our residents by providing information, beautifying the community, offering opportunities to socialize with our neighbors, and, in general, making people feel like part of a close-knit community.

In aggregate, this is a daunting task. And it takes a lot of effort. But when the work is broken into smaller parts, the individual time commitment required becomes quite manageable. Many people think they don't have the time to become involved. But volunteering for the MPCA can take as little as a couple hours once a year.

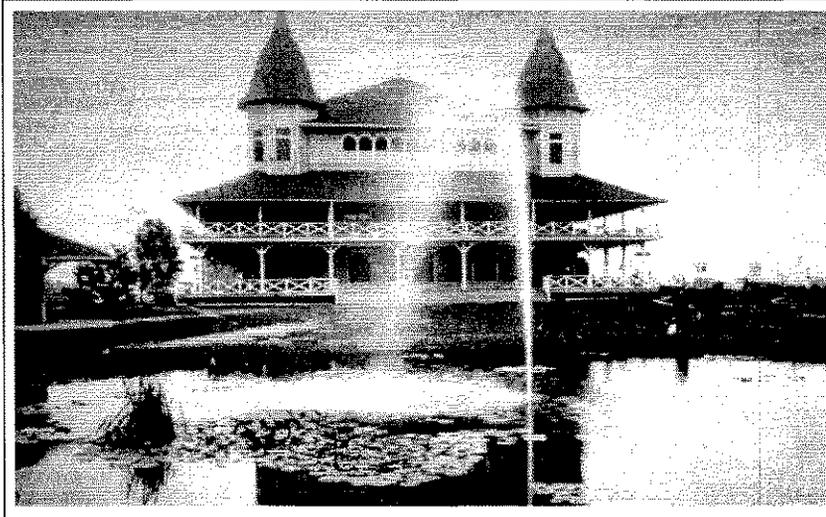
If you appreciate the things that the MPCA does for the community, please say you'll help the next time you receive of phone call from one of our committee chairpersons. Or better yet, contact Nancy Fry, outgoing MPCA president, at 890-6845, to offer your services. By volunteering, you'll help ensure that the small-town feeling that drew you to Minerva Park in the first place will continue.

Felicia Busick
Editor

Minerva Park History

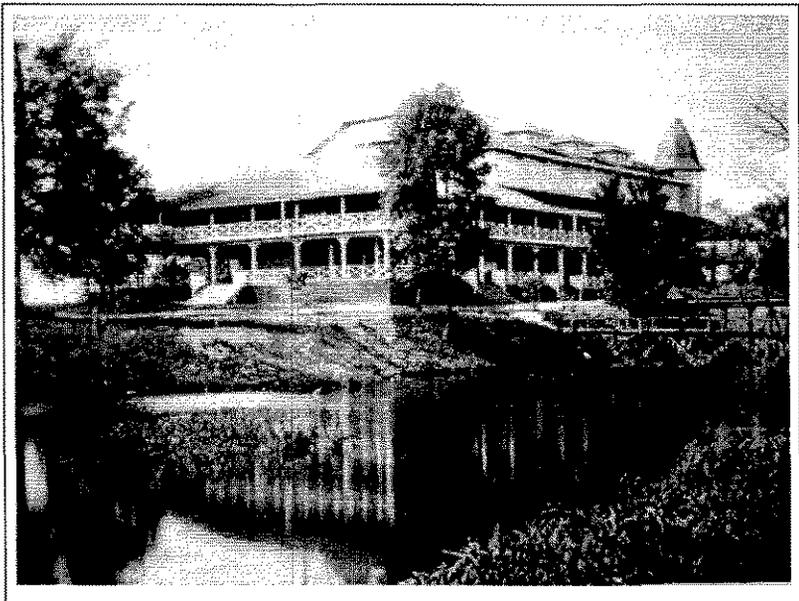
By Bob Stuart

CASINO THEATRE



a large music or concert hall designed to create a cohesive, articulate space to contain sound and prevent echoes, while preserving clear lines of sight).

The building of the Casino was contracted to two local carpenters, Festus H. Nichol (791 No. Park St) and Hugh H. Carr (955 West Broad St) who were admonished, to build the structure within the short time possible. The foundation for this impressive structure was two hundred feet deep and fifty feet wide. The 40 carloads of rough lumber plus 10 carloads of finished lumber used in its construction was delivered to the job site by laying a spurline from the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking (C. S & H) Railway line. *(For the railway buff! The C. S & H Railway was formerly the Columbus, Shawnee & Hocking, Sandusky and Columbus Railway with offices at 16 E Chestnut St Columbus. As such, they advertised as having the most direct route between Columbus, Oberlin, Norwalk, Fremont and Tiffin with stops at Sandusky, Bellevue, Bucyrus, Marion, Delaware & Zaneville This line would become the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway. The nearest track to Minerva Park ran along the Blendon Plank Road or present day Route 3 up through Westerville).* The spurline was a single track built by the Columbus Central Streetcar Company from the C.S & H rail siding to the construction site by crossing the ravine near Route 3.



In a short time the foundations were in and the greater part of the framing for the Casino was in the air. Meanwhile, the water in the lake was lowered to allow construction of the trestle work of another "Rustic" bridge across to the (Old) pavilion site. The newer bridge is shown as the taller bridge in the middle right of the above photo with the Swan boat bridge in front.

To be continued.....

After the (Old) Pavilion burned down in 1896 (see 2nd article in this series,) the management of Minerva Park knew they either had to rebuild the Pavilion or create a new drawing card for the 1897 season. They finally settled on building the imposing Minerva Park Casino on a new site across the lake and due south of the (Old) Pavilion, almost at the spot where the old footbridge crossed the lake.

(Note! As mentioned in an earlier articles, gambling was not permitted at Minerva Park. Yet, some continues to confuse the name "Casino" with its current Las Vegas usage. In the late 1800's a Casino by definition was

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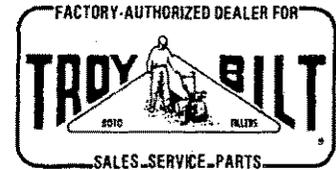
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A business-card size advertisement costs \$15 and must be prepaid. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and phone number.

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