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Council Gives Final Approval to 1% Income Tax

By Lou Busick, Chairman of the Council Finance Committee

At its December meeting, Minerva Park council unanimously approved the 1% income tax ordinance. As it stands, the tax will go into effect on January 12, 2000 ... 30 days after the council meeting.

Council also selected the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to collect and administer the tax for the village. Local businesses will be contacted regarding withholding procedures well before the January 12 start date. Residents will receive information from RITA at a later date. If you have additional questions or think you may owe

estimated tax payments, contact RITA at 538-0512 or at 800-860-7482.

The tax will apply only to wages and business profits earned in Minerva Park. Retirees and others will not owe money on pension, Social Security, and investment income. Residents who are employed in municipalities with a local income tax of at least 1% also will see no increase in their income tax. Residents who operate a business in Minerva Park most likely will be required to pay 1% tax. Most of the income generated by the tax will be from non-residents, such as the employees at Hawthorne Elementary, the nursing home, and the approximately 45 businesses on the perimeter of the village.

Village council members chose an income tax over asking for additional property taxes to pay for growing village expenses because they believe it imposed the fewest hardships on the vast majority of residents. The income tax affects only working individuals and asks them to pay a very low rate, and revenues will probably increase over time as salaries (and village expenses) increase.

My phone number at work, for any questions, is 861-1350.

Annual Duck Award



The MPCA is once again asking residents to nominate an active neighbor or friend for the association's community service award, the Duck Award.

The Duck Award is given by the MPCA to the MP resident(s) who have greatly contributed to the quality of life in our village.

The award will be given for achievements made in 1999 and will be presented in March 2000. Elected officials, paid employees, and volunteers are eligible. An individual or group may win the award more than once but not within a 5-year period.

By February 18, please send your nominations with a brief summary of qualifications and contributions to the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. For more information about the award, contact **Jenna McDevitt at 523-1603** or **Rolla Wagner at 895-2236**.



JANUARY DATES

10 (8:00p) **Council Meeting**
12 (7:30p) **MPCA Meeting**
26 (5:00p) **Villager Deadline**

MPCA News

Happy New Year! from the Editors

Happy New Year! We hope everyone survived without any of the Y2K glitches that we were warned about all of last year! We wanted to take a moment to wish you all the best in 2000 and hope that you will think about how you can contribute to our great community in this next year and next millennium. We have enjoyed our time with *The Villager* and look forward to a great year.

To provide the community with the most recent news concerning Minerva Park, we have moved the delivery date of *The Villager* to the second Monday of each month. Starting in February, *The Villager* will appear on your doorstep in "The Bag" by the 2nd Monday. The new deadlines for submission are listed the next column. We would welcome articles from a variety of villagers. Please consider contributing to *The Villager*. Page 6 lists information on how to submit articles, letters to the editor, and other items of interest.

Don't Miss 2000 Deadlines

The following listing has been provided to help residents meet *Villager* deadlines for important events ...

March	Pool Fundraiser - spaghetti dinner
March 7	Primary Election
April 15	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
April 29	Lake Clean-up
May	Hydrant flushing
July	Garden Tour
July	Fire Department Splash
May 20	MPCA Garage Sale
July 22	Founders Day
August	Pool's Corn Roast
August	Kindergarten Meet & Play
September	Fire Department Fundraiser
October 29	Children's Halloween Party
November	Homeowner's Membership Drive
November 7	General Election
December 9	Children's Christmas Party

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2000 Publication Schedule

Deadlines are 5:00 p.m., Wednesday

Deadline	Distribution
January 26	February 14
February 23	March 13
March 22	April 10
April 19	May 8
May 24	June 12
June 21	July 10
July 26	August 14
August 23	September 11
September 20	October 9
October 25	November 13, Monday*
November 20	December 11
December 20	January 8, 2001

* because of Thanksgiving

Annual Children's Christmas Party

By Marcie and Tim Monaco

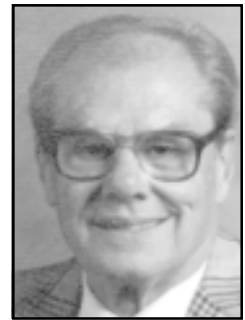
The Annual Christmas Party, sponsored by the MPCA's Children's Committee, was held on Saturday, December 4, at the Community Building. Approximately 45 children enjoyed the walk-through event and a visit from Santa Claus. As the children arrived, they took part in three different activities: decorating cookies, playing a game, or getting their face painted. Of course, the visit from Santa was the highlight of the party! All of the children had a great time. Thanks to Bill and Yvonne Giammarco and their grandchildren for their help decorating and to everyone else who lent a helping hand with the clean up.

Festival of Lights Update

Because of Thanksgiving, the Festival of Lights contest ran longer than stated in the last issue of *the Villager* ... so more homeowners could decorate their houses in time to be judged for the contest. As *the Villager* went to print, the judges were making their final decisions. Watch for the list of winners in the February issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



Winter is finally here, with all the unpleasant conditions that go with it. I don't really mind the snow, as long as my wife shovels the driveway (I got her a new shovel for Christmas!).

The final phase of the water line replacement is complete except for the landscaping, which will be completed in the spring. The mounds of dirt along Wildwood and Woodley will be graded and seeded. We will also try to make repairs to the streets and driveways that were damaged during construction.

We have a new Fire Chief. Rick Hoechstetter was appointed as Interim Chief, replacing the former chief, Karl Garrabrant. Rick has worked as assistant chief for some time and will provide the necessary leadership needed for an effective, functioning emergency squad.

Council approved the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator unit. After all of our police officers are properly trained in its use, the unit will be carried in the cruiser on each shift. Council also approved the purchase of three new radar units. Our old ones have become unreliable, and, because of their age, repair parts are sometimes hard to

find.

The Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet in December because there were no applications.

Lee Trachs Asphalt Systems has completed some crack sealing and pothole repairs throughout the village. This should put our streets in decent shape for the winter.

Work sessions have been scheduled by the state to review applications for grants and loans for infrastructure repairs and replacements. We have applied for a grant to replace or rebuild Minerva Lake Road. We hope to be approved for a grant, which will provide most of the funding for the project. We may not know if we're approved until February. I'll let you know.

Our leaf pick-up program went well this year. Almost everyone cooperated by getting their leaves to the street on time, although there were some problems on Wildwood and Woodley because of the construction. Next year, we must find a new place to dump the leaves, so if you know of a place not too far away, let me know.

Council approved a Christmas bonus of \$50 for each salaried police officer.

Legislation acted upon was as follows:

- Resolution 99-27 - to replace a 4 mill tax levy, 2nd reading
- Resolution 99-28 - Mary Yost Memorial Fund - passed
- Resolution 99-29 - Final Annual Appropriation Resolution for 1999 - passed
- Resolution 99-30 - EMS Emergency Fund - passed
- Resolution 99-32 - To enter into an agreement for Participation in Regional Council of Governments - passed
- Ordinance 5-99 - To increase the salary of the mayor - passed
- Ordinance 6-99 - To increase the salary of the clerk-treasurer - passed
- Ordinance 7-99 - To levy a municipal income tax in Minerva Park - passed

Woody Allen said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die; I just don't want to be there when it happens."

Council Members Depart

Council President Lynn Eisentrout and Councilman Bill Moore attended their last council meeting as members on Monday, December 13. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to the village and wish them lots of luck with their future endeavors!

Rumpke Recycling

Help by recycling the following:

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.





Villagers

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Tim & Ruth Watkins, Olivia 5, Reed 2, are residents at **2741 Alder Vista Dr.**, from Kansas City MO. 818-9990.

Eddie Rowe resides at **2786 Wildwood Rd.**, from Westerville. Unlisted phone.

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

Happy 100th!

Mr. LaRue Etlin of 2590 Wildwood Rd. celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday, December 12. Mr. Etlin has been retired from the Pillsbury Company since 1965 and has spent time traveling in Europe with his wife of 67 years, Llewella, and visiting one of his daughters who lived in Panama. Mr. Etlin, a MP resident of 53 years, served two terms on council. He now spends his time grocery shopping, raking leaves, watching the Travel channel, and reading his *National Geographics* and books on history. When asked his secret to a long life, he said, "Enjoy life and always have something to look forward to." He told *the Villager* that he still has so many things he wishes to accomplish. We would like to wish him a Happy Birthday!



- 11-2 1:40p, 2800 blk Alder Vista Dr., domestic violence.
- 11-2 1:45p, 2800 blk Alder Vista Dr., criminal damaging.
- 11-3 10:52p, Pagelink, 5254 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 11-5 6:30p, 2500 blk Briar Rose, missing person.
- 11-8 3:50p, 2800 blk Alder Vista Dr., assault
- 11-10 .. 7:00a, 2800 blk Kerrwood Dr., theft on 11-8 to 11-9 reported.
- 11-14 .. 10:00a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., breaking and entering on 11-13 to 11-14 reported.
- 11-23 .. 1:45p, Support Services, 3205 E. Dublin Granville Rd., theft on 11-12 to 11-21 reported.
- 11-29 .. 7:33p, Pagelink, 5254 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 11-29 .. 9:15p, U.S. Cleaners, 5452 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.



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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.

To the Residents of Minerva Park

This letter is to inform you of your rights as a homeowner for our water line project. First, if you have not signed a temporary work agreement, then the construction crew or anyone else is not allowed to work in your yard outside of the right-of-way line.

Second, the crews may have to replace your yard to an equal or better condition than it was originally, depending on how the contract was written.

Third, the plans for the project as well as the contract are public records, and we should be allowed to view those records.

When the project began, I called both the mayor and the village engineer expressing my concerns about what was going on. The village engineer informed me that work agreements were not signed because of the expense. I currently work for a civil engineering company in

which we are village engineers for a number of villages. We as a company typically have the residents sign work agreements. I have talked to other engineers, and they have all said that to sign agreements was common practice.

My concern is why our mayor and city council will not put the residents first and inform us of our rights. I find the total lack of respect that the village officials and the construction crew have given to the residents to be very appalling.

Ron Yarano
2745 Wildwood Rd.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the MPCA for the award of scholarship I was given for the 1990-2000 school year. I am enjoying college immensely here in Florida. Thank you once again!

Sarah E. Eisentrout
2753 Wildwood Rd.

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The *Villager* is distributed to all MP homes on the 2nd 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 (must be hard copy & signed), & other items of interest. Use the drop box at the Community Building, on DeAnna Kem's front door, 3237 Minerva Lake Rd., or on Ruth Crane's front door, 2807 Wildwood Rd.

A business-card size ad 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 signature and phone number.

Next deadline:

Wednesday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.



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