

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MPCA Festival of Lights Winners

Kudos to all the residents who lit up our lives this past holiday. Here are the decorations that caught our judges' fancy. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery.



Best Outdoor Tree
Kathy & Edward Norris
2588 Jordan Road

Three lighted reindeer were under a large evergreen at the front corner of the lot, and the lights reflecting on the tree made a tranquil scene.

Runner Up
Dolores Luptak
2818 Minerva Lake Rd.

A well-lit tree with a star on top made a cheerful scene.



Best Entrance Way
Betty Kjellmark
& Gail Shaffer
2615 Wildwood Rd.

Beige & brown contrasts made this quite an unusual holiday entrance.

Runner Up
Michael & Marianne Viola
2626 Woodley Rd.

Candy canes were a nice touch here.



Best Religious Theme
Marie & John Takacs
2723 Jordan Road

Brightly colored figurines spotlighted in a well-viewed area.

Runner Up
Iris & Tony Volpe
2811 Park Lane Court

Judges liked the illuminated characters.



Best Whimsical Display
Sue & Charles Graves
2665 Minerva Lake Rd.

Trees framed a snowman nicely.

Runner Up
John & Lori Markiel
2729 Minerva Lake Rd.

Judges appreciated the variety of lights topped off with a lighted chimney.



Best Outline Effect
Rella & Jim Kehl
2585 Lakewood Dr.

Color confetti-like display of lights on shrubs, house, and in windows was impressive.

Runner Up
John & Colleen Braunlich
2992 Minerva Lake Rd.

Lights on the garage completed the picture.



Best Daytime Display
Carolyn & Jon Self
2620 Lakewood Dr.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus were sitting on the porch, taking a break from their hectic schedule. Decorations looked good at night, too.

Runner Up
Joanne & Dave Ralston
2865 East Shore Court

A festive scene with wreaths and red ribbons with Mr. & Mrs. Claus on the front porch.



Judges' Favorites

These homes have won previously and are among the judges' all-time favorites.

Connie & Mel Pence
2573 Wildwood Rd.

A festival of color visible far down the block.

Nina & Herb Wertz
2655 Minerva Lake Rd.

Elegant & dramatic display both by day and night.

Jack & Gerline Lude
2806 Maplewood Dr.

A winter wonderland with music, and the picture window was a special treat.

*Compiled by Tim Curry,
Chairman.*



**Minerva Park
Police
Alert
on page 5.**

FEBRUARY DATES

14 (8:00p) Council Meeting
16 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
18 Duck Award Deadline
23 (5:00p) Villager Deadline

MARCH DATES

5 (1 - 6) Pool Spaghetti Dinner

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.

Please send your nominations with a brief summary of qualifications and contributions by **February 18** 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**.

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

December 1999

In December, Medic 119 made 23 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 597 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 8,084. Leading volunteers for the month were **John Rains** (111 hrs), **Toni Huffman** (89 hrs), and **Wayne Miller** (48 hrs).

MP Runs

12-7 Cleveland Ave., ill person

12-31 .. Minerva Lake Rd., injured person

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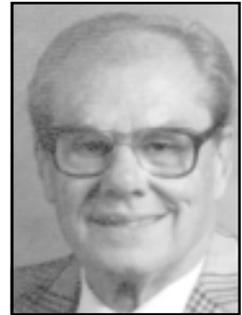
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MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



We now have a full slate of government officials. The Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer were sworn in at the January council meeting, along with two new council members. Your newly appointed council members are Don Champney & Darrell Kem. Don is a retired architectural engineer, a long-time resident, and has served four terms on council from 1976 through 1992. Darrell is president of B&R Services of Columbus and is currently pursuing at Columbus State a major in Political Science and a minor in Business Administration. This will be Darrell's first term on council, so let's be nice to him.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met in January and elected Bob Caley as Chair and Pat Mangan as Vice Chair. The commission approved a deck to be constructed at a residence on Lakewood Drive and disapproved an application for a fence to be erected at another Lakewood Drive residence. The applicant was advised that he could apply to council for a variance.

A special meeting was held before the regular January 10 meeting to discuss the future of Minerva Lake Golf Course in relation to the village. A representative from Bricker & Eckler law firm was present and offered information and suggestions.

Legislation considered at the regular meeting included:

- Resolutions 2000-01 & 2000-02 - to fill the two vacant council seats - passed.
- Resolution 2000-03 - to enter into a contract with the City of Columbus to provide legal assistance for prosecution of cases referred to city courts - passed.
- Resolution 2000-04 - to enter into a contract with Franklin County to provide plumbing inspections as required - passed.
- Resolution 2000-05 - to contract with Narcus Tsiliacos as village Law Director - passed.
- Resolution 2000-06 - to amend the Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the tax levies and to certify them to the County Auditor - passed.
- Ordinance 01-2000 - Accepting the revised codified ordinances - passed.

The Law Director determined that the ordinance approving an income tax in the Village will not require collection of taxes until the results of a referendum vote in November is determined. [Editors' Note - see the "Letter to the Editor" on page 7 for additional information.]

The application for a fence on the property of 2647 Lakewood was disapproved by the Planning & Zoning Commission but was approved by the council as a variance in a 4 to 2 vote.

Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry was elected to serve as council president for 2000. Rolla Wagner will represent Minerva Park on the Northland Community Council.

A motion was made to move forward to place a marker at the entrance at Ponderosa Drive similar to the markers at Cleveland Ave.

Were you disappointed when, at the stroke of midnight 12-31-99, nothing happened except loud noises from bells, whistles, and fireworks? My neighbor is peddling bottled water and peanut butter he'll never use.

My granddaughter says, "It's frustrating when you know all the answers and nobody bothers to ask you the questions."

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner

By *Jana Iacampo*

It's once again time for the annual Minerva Park Swim club Spaghetti Dinner.

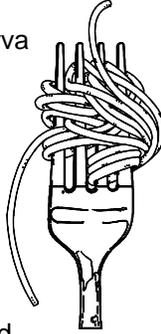
Sunday, March 5, 2000

1:00p to 6:00p

Blendon Senior Center
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Carry-out dinners available.

We will again be offering 20% off on pool memberships that are purchased at the dinner. Flyers will be distributed mid-February with further details, so plan to join us for great food & big savings on pool memberships. If you have any questions, call **Jana Iacampo** at **895-7116**.



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**Minerva Park
Police**

Annual Report

The 1999 annual report is available by simply calling 882-1223.

1999 Financials

By *Suzanne Coulter*



Year-end financial reports for 1999 are available from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. 882-5742

ADVERTISEMENT

How to Receive a Massage

Massage may be a new experience for you. When we try something new and don't know what to expect, naturally we may feel apprehensive or nervous. If this is your concern, you will be glad to know that massage aims to relax all of the senses and make you feel as comfortable as possible. Remember, there is no right or wrong way to receive a massage—only what is appropriate for you!

The preferred way to receive a massage is without clothing—sheets and towels are used for your comfort and privacy. You may find that a minimal amount of clothing is more suitable for you—underwear or perhaps a swimsuit. The main thing, after all, is for you to enjoy your massage.

Once you're settled in place, feel the weight of your body against the table. Close your eyes and allow yourself to remain quiet. Focus your attention on your breathing. Let your breath get as long as smooth as it wants to be, without forcing it.

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Don't try to "help" the therapist in any way. For example, when it is time for your arm to be lifted, let it be lifted for you. Keep your body as limp as possible. Allow yourself to be completely taken care of by the therapist.

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Villagers

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Dave & Carolyn Hamilton are new residents at 2647 Lakewood Dr. - 891-6725

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

Don't Forget ...

OHIO

When getting or renewing your license plates, indicate Minerva Park as your residence. Some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!

FEB

00



Minerva Park Police Alert

A woman has been entering neighborhoods, ringing doorbells, and asking for money for a tow truck. She is extremely convincing, talking very fast, and using such lines as, "I just moved in down the street" ... "My aunt is the Avon lady" ... "My aunt and daughter were just in a car accident in Marion, Ohio" ... "I need \$17 to pay Shamrock Towing."

She apologizes for being an inconvenience and for being so dirty (supposedly from unpacking so many moving boxes).

She has been described as a white woman in her 30s with short, sandy brown hair, wears glasses, is a little overweight, and stands about 5'4" tall.

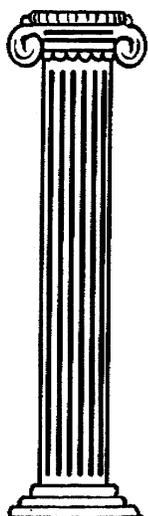
Do not give this woman any money! She has recently hit our neighborhood and various nearby neighborhoods several times.

If she comes to your house, call 911 after she leaves. Provide a description of what she is wearing and which direction she headed. Thank you.



Minerva Park Police

- 12-5 ... 1:05p, 5199 Westerville Rd., Storage Inns of America, breaking & entering reported.
- 12-6 ... 12:08p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 12-7 ... 7:00a, 2500 blk Jordan Rd., auto theft.
- 12-8 ... 11:25a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., missing person.
- 12-10. 1:19a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., 2 missing people.
- 12-15. 3:28p, 5236 Cleveland Ave., attempted auto theft.
- 12-16. 6:05a, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.
- 12-16. 10:35a, 5460 Cleveland Ave., MP Place, theft on 12-15 reported.
- 12-16. 11:49a, 5294 Cleveland Ave., Sleep World, theft on 12-14 to 12-16 reported.
- 12-16. 12:04p, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm.
- 12-20. 5:01p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 12-21. 4:10p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., criminal damaging on 12-20 to 12-21 reported.
- 12-23. 1:23p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm.
- 12-27. 6:00p, 2700 blk Jordan Rd., theft on 12-26 to 12-27 reported.



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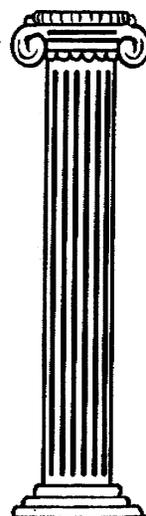
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Safety Corner

By your
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Winter Safety

The Safety Corner has not disappeared—it is only under construction. The current author has been promoted, and we are in the process of promoting another member to the position of this columnist ...

Over the past few years, we have been getting most of our coldest weather in January and February, so the normal winter precautions we recommend apply. If you haven't changed the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors in the past six months, we recommend that you do so now. We'd be happy to help if you'd like. Some of the units use house current, but many others use either a combination of house current and battery power or battery power alone.

At this time of year, the weather

can change very quickly, so be sure to plan ahead. Consult the weather service and plan for both precipitation and temperatures that can affect you very quickly.

Be sure that water pipes aren't exposed to the elements, or they may freeze and burst. Pay particularly close attention to closed spaces, such as cabinets, where the back of the space is an outside wall.

Do not store inflammable fluids indoors—the fumes can gather in low areas and explode.

Remember that a wet child playing outside in cold temperatures is a cold child.

Please consider giving your loved one a CPR certification for Valentine's Day. Take the class yourself or with them. The cost is

roughly the same as for a dozen long-stemmed roses at this time of year. This is a gift that comes truly from the heart and can save one, too. With the addition later this spring of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the police cars, the council has taken an important step toward improving the outcome of heart attacks in MP. You can also help. The American Red Cross has conducted studies showing that a drastic increase in heart attack survival rates is within reach with early intervention—CPR within the first minute or two, application of new AED intervention within 2-6 minutes, and advanced life support (Medic 119) within 10 minutes. Contact your health-care provider or the American Red Cross and ask for the new CPR training that includes the AED component. We would like to thank the mayor and council for taking the important and proactive step toward greater community safety by approving the purchase and staff training for the AED.

Remember, if we can help, just give us a call at 882-3375. If you have an emergency, call 911. Stay well and stay safe.

Sweet 'n Sour Ribs

3 to 4 lb boneless country-style ribs
1 can (20 oz) pineapple tidbits, undrained
2 cans (8 oz each) tomato sauce
1/2 c thinly sliced onion
1/2 c thinly sliced green pepper
1/2 c packed brown sugar
1/4 c cider vinegar
1/4 c tomato paste
2 tbs Worcestershire sauce
1 garlic clove, minced
Salt & pepper to taste

Place ribs in an ungreased slow cooker. In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients & pour over the ribs. Cover & cook on low for 8-10 hours or until meat is tender. Thicken sauce if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

This recipe took the blue ribbon for the slow cooker contest in Quick Cooking, Taste of Home's new "rapid recipes." Call 1-800-344-6913 if you'd like to subscribe. Jan/Feb 2000, p. 27.





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.

Letter to the Editors

A group of [private] citizens concerned with governmental issues that affect the village and its residents has formed the Citizens Action Committee (CAC). The committee members are Tom Neuburger, Betty Beatrice, Tony Beatrice, Ed Bennett, Buzz Cockerell, Paul Hastings, Jeff Johnston, Tom Meeks, and Geri Perfect. The function of this committee will be (a) acting as a liaison between council and village residents, communicating issues that CAC believes will be of interest to residents, and (b) communicating CAC views relating to village issues.

Here is a sampling of CAC activities: (a) communicating important resolutions and

ordinances passed or under consideration by council, (b) how council is allocating MP tax dollars, (c) actions of council with which CAC may not be in agreement, and (d) current activities involving the infrastructure of the village.

For example, issues at hand are:

1. Why did council fail last year to notify the Board of Elections to place the 4 mill operating levy on the ballot? What effect did that major oversight have on the fiscal 2000 budget?
2. Why does the village need a \$10,000 truck as recommended by council?
3. Why does the village need an additional police vehicle?
4. Council approved a \$10,000 "Village of MP" sign at Ponderosa & Rt. 161 entrance. A sign could be nice, but \$10,000?!
5. How much money has been spent to date for the playground on the south side of the lake? We estimate \$15,000.
6. Why has council not developed a Capital Improvement Program and a 5-year Projected Budget?

The CAC is devoted to beautification of the park and infrastructure improvements, all of which will protect our home values. Government officials must be accountable for their acts and governmental expenses. As with any business, excessive expenses can destroy a budget.

[Here is the CAC's position on the] 1% village income tax.

Of the 266 residents contacted [with a CAC-sponsored referendum petition], 257 signed the Referendum Petition to place

the 1% income tax on the November ballot for the voters to make a choice. Council [had] ignored recommendations to do this and ignored results of their own survey.

The 1% income tax ordinance passed by all council members has now been suspended until November, at which time the residents can vote on it. This should give council adequate time to communicate to the residents (a) how the \$30,000 "estimated" income will be specifically allocated and if \$30,000 is a realistic figure, (b) how the budget will be affected, and (c) in view of the "budget" published in the 11-99 issue of *the Villager*, council needs to take appropriate measures to evaluate expenses and income for the next five years.

If the village is going to run out of money in 2003, according to the budget in *the Villager*, council needs to initiate immediate measures to ensure this does not occur. Property tax increased? Reduced expenses? More stringent expense measures? Will \$30,000 from a 1% income tax accomplish this? CAC will be anxiously awaiting council's plans. Why did council allow this inadequacy to occur? This could have been avoided by proper planning, projected expenses & income, including a 5-year Capital Improvement Program.

The CAC encourages residents to contact any of our members with suggestions, question, or recommendations you have regarding village matters.

Paul Hastings
Chairman, CAC
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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, February 23, 5:00 p.m.



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