

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Easter Egg Hunt

April 15

The annual **MPCA Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 15**, on the lawn at **Hawthorne Elementary School**. We will have four age groups again, with staggered starting times. All groups will begin **promptly** at their starting times. **Don't be late!**

- 10:40a Babies through age 2
- 10:50a 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds
- 11:00a ... Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2
- 11:10a Grades 3, 4, & 5



The Egg Hunt is the Children's Committee's biggest event of the year. We need help on the day of the egg hunt. Call **Marci Monaco** at **882-2047** if you can help.



May 20

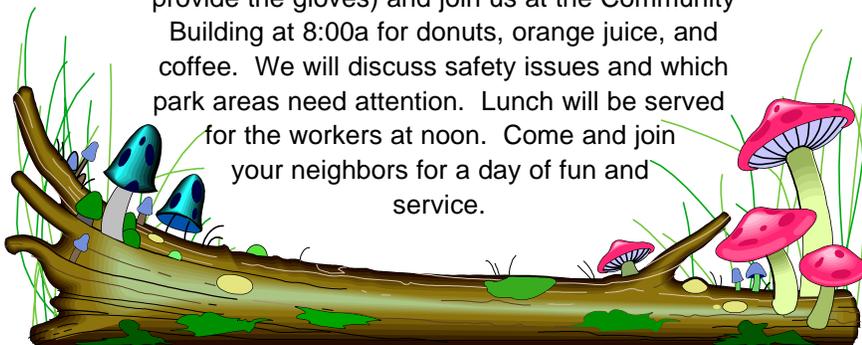
The MPCA annual garage sale is our largest fund-raiser of the year. The nominal registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, maps for your distribution, and an envelope so you can return 10% of your profits to the MPCA. Thank you for your continued support! The registration form is on page 2.

Lake Clean-Up

Saturday, April 29

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine

Once a year, residents are asked to help tidy up Minerva Park, so bring rakes, clippers, etc. (we'll provide the gloves) and join us at the Community Building at 8:00a for donuts, orange juice, and coffee. We will discuss safety issues and which park areas need attention. Lunch will be served for the workers at noon. Come and join your neighbors for a day of fun and service.



APRIL DATES

- 12 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 19 Villager Deadline
- 29 Lake Clean-Up

MAY DATES

- Intermittent Hydrant Flushing
- 8 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 10 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 10 Garage Sale Deadline
- 17 Gar. Sale Packet Pick-up
- 20 MPCA Garage Sale



It's time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, May 20. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don't miss out!

As in the past, the **registration fee** covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers as well as balloons to mark your mailbox, 15 maps, and a return envelope so you can return 10% of your profits. There is a **\$5 late registration fee**, so please be prompt.

This is one of the MPCA's biggest annual fund-raisers, so please do not cheat your community of improvements and event money by having an

unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association is attempting to fund several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for a contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2001 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for \$3 to "Minerva Park Community Association" at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, or to the event coordinator, Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood, 891-9329.

Registration packets need to be picked up this year on **Wednesday, May 17 from 7p until 9p at the Community Building**. Late registrations can be made that evening, but *you will not be on the map*. Proceeds can be mailed to the same addresses (do not mail cash!). Please remember to send your 10% promptly.

MPCA Garage Sale

Saturday, May 20

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 10

Cost: \$3 plus 10% of your proceeds

\$5 Late Registration Fee by May 12 (you will not be on the map)

Contact: Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood, 891-9329

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact **Anne Hughes** at **891-9329** if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

Because we have a very limited number of volunteers this year, we will again ask you to pick up your packets at the Community Building on May 17 from 7:00p - 9:00p. Call Anne Hughes only if you are unable to do so, and she'll try to set up some kind of delivery arrangement.

Registration

MPCA Garage Sale - May 20, 2000

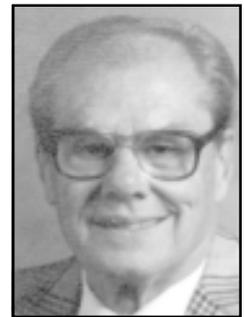
Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Enclosed is my check for \$3, payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2000 annual garage sale. I will submit a check for 10% of my proceeds by Saturday, May 27, 2000.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



Spring has sprung. It seems I just put away my lawn mower a few days ago, and now I'll have to start pulling that starter rope again. I guess that's getter than shoveling snow.

The contractor who installed the new **waterline on Woodley and Wildwood** advises he will begin the grading and landscape work in mid-April, weather permitting. This will complete the replacement of all the old water lines in our village. These projects have taken approximately 10 years to complete, and I hope we won't have to tear up your lawns and driveways for at least another 20 or 30 years.

The Northland Community Council plans a major **landscaping project** along State Route 161, hoping to plant approximately 93 trees. They are asking for volunteers to

help with the planting. For information, call **Rolla Wagner** at 895-2236 or **Steve Thompson** at 478-8469.

Council voted to approve the purchase of a used Ohio State Highway **Patrol car** to replace our No. 2 police car, which has required considerable maintenance. The state patrol car is a 1995 model and was used as an unmarked vehicle. It is very clean. The price was \$4,150.

Council approved an ordinance requested by the **Ohio Department of Transportation**, which is consent legislation for the state to perform work on the main line, service roads, and ramps along state Route 161. The work will begin at Huntley Road, pass through the corporate limits of Minerva Park, and end at the junction of State Route 161 (New Albany Expressway).

By the time you read this, the **new marker** at the entrance of Ponderosa should be completed.

Council approved \$500 to repair some of the **potholes** in our streets, excluding those to be repaired by the waterline contractors.

As I'm sure you are aware, the **4 mil levy** that was dropped last year has now been voter approved for next year. This will be a big help to our budget. I'm pleased that most of you voted for the levy.

My grandpa used to say, "Don't waste time worrying about tomorrow. Today isn't over yet."






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Safety Corner

By your
Fire Department



Childhood Injuries

As the weather warms, even the bears are waking up. It's a good time to review the steps we all can take to ensure that the only types of injuries the kids sustain are the occasional skinned knee or bump. The leading health risk in the U.S. for kids under 14 is injuries. About 6,900 kids are killed each year, and another 50,000 are permanently disabled. Here are some simple steps we recommend you take to help safeguard the kids.

- Use a child safety seat until the child is five years old AND weighs more than 40 pounds. Once the safety seat is outgrown, use a booster seat until the child 60 pounds. Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. Stop by the firehouse if we can help you install a seat. And insist that all occupants in the car wear a seat belt. Get kids into the habit early and lead by example.
- Teach everyone to wear a bike helmet properly. It should fit snugly, not tilt to one side, and be securely fastened with the chin strap.
- As soon as children are old enough to understand, teach them to stop at the curb before crossing a street and look both ways (left, right, and left again) before proceeding.
- Install five-foot high fencing all the way around your pool or spa and use a self-latching gate. Remember that accidental drownings also can happen in shallow water, such as bathtubs, buckets, and toilet bowls.
- Install smoke detectors in all sleeping areas, and make sure there is a detector on every floor of the house. Change the batteries when you change the time on your clocks (spring and fall). Plan and practice two fire escape routes from each room.
- Set your water heater no higher than 120°F. Keep hot foods and drinks away from small children, and test the water temperature before putting kids in the tub.
- If you have a gun in the house, keep it locked and unloaded. Keep the ammunition in a separate locked area.
- Install stairway gates and window guards. Make sure playgrounds have safe equipment and cushioned surfaces.
- Keep poisonous chemicals and plants, medicines, and vitamins out of sight and out of reach of children. Child-resistant packaging is not child proof.
- Post important phone numbers near each telephone. Make sure kids know how and when to call 911 and what to do if they have to call. Other numbers to include are Poison Control (228-1323), medical services, and parents' office numbers.
- Keep a first aid kit stocked. In another column, we'll discuss what belongs in the average kit.

Gratefully reprinted from materials released by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, which is currently sponsoring its year 2000 safety artwork contest. Please encourage your children to get involved. Prizes include mountain bikes and Bell bicycle helmets. The contest provides parents, teachers, and students with the opportunity to learn about the #1 cause of death and disability to kids—preventable injuries. It is widely estimated that 9 out of every 10 accidental injuries can be prevented through education and awareness. Please

encourage your kids to use the ideas expressed above as possible themes for their posters. Contest materials are available at

Hawthorne School and the **Firehouse**.

Completed entries must be received by the Public Safety Office by Thursday, June 1, 2000.



Safety Artwork

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Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

February 2000

In February, Medic 119 made 20 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 14 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 452 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,103. Leading volunteers for the month were **John Rains** (89 hours), **Lance Furry** (35 hours), and **Wayne Miller** (34 hours).

MP Run

2-13 Cleveland Ave., ill person

Storm Drains

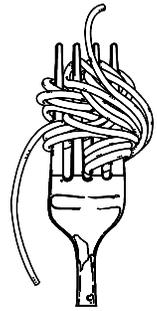


Please be MP neighborly and help keep the storm drains cleared of debris. After all, a wet basement is something we all can relate to!

Spaghetti Dinner Report

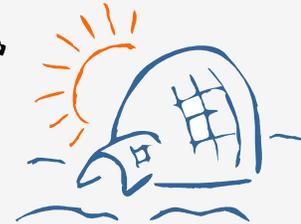
By Reno Volpe

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and the wonderful support we received from the community. We had our most successful spaghetti dinner in history. It was great to see everyone, and the food was fabulous as always. This has always been a great fund-raiser for the pool, and this year was no exception.



We are still offering a 10% discount on memberships for this season, if paid in full by June 1, 2000. If you have any questions, call **Reno Volpe** at **899-9189**. We will be distributing membership applications in the next few weeks. See you at the pool!

Consider your Freezer a Frozen Pantry



When preparing dishes to keep in the freezer and bake later, save space by storing just the food and not the container. This also allows you to continue using well-liked baking dishes. To do this, line your baking dish with foil, add the food, cover with foil, and freeze. Once it has frozen, remove the foil-wrapped food and place it in a freezer bag before returning it to the freezer. When it's time to cook the dish, remove the foil and place the food in its original container for baking.

When buying bags of frozen vegetables, examine the packages for signs that they've been thawed and refrozen. Steer clear of bagged vegetables that are frozen in blocks or large chunks. If the packages are transparent, check for crystallization. Both

indicate thawing and refreezing, which can diminish quality.

When your groceries are being packed at the checkout line, be sure frozen items are bagged together to help keep them cold. Put them in the freezer as soon as you get home.

When scooping ice cream from the carton, do so quickly and return the unused portion to the freezer as soon as possible, because thawing and refreezing cause ice crystals to form on the surface. It's also a good idea to store ice cream in the coldest part of the freezer, away from the door.

These tips are from "Quick Cooking," March/April 1998 issue, page 35. If you would like to subscribe, call 1-800-344-6913 or visit www.reimanpub.com

Not Receiving *the Villager*?

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. If you or someone you know is not receiving "The Bag" (and thus not receiving *the Villager*), you can call Dispatch Consumer Services at 740-548-5049. This is a local phone call. Simply give them your address and tell them that you have not been receiving "The Bag." Usually delivery begins with the next Monday. The Editors have learned that there can be interruptions in the delivery of "The Bag," but if you have not received "The Bag" at all, or not for a few weeks, please call Dispatch Consumer Services. The MPCA pays for *the Villager* to be included in "The Bag" and delivered to your mailbox. We would like everyone in the village to be reading the newsletter each month!

Founders Day

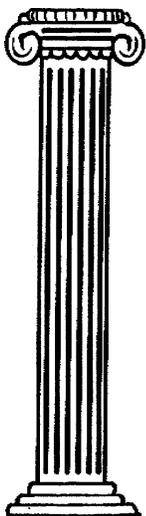
July 22

This is just a reminder to start making your plans now for the third annual Founders Day, which will bring even more activities and events for all residents to enjoy. Help us celebrate Minerva Park's humble beginnings with "something for everyone"! Stay tuned for details in future issues of *the Villager*.



**Minerva Park
Police**

- 2-1 1:00p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., breaking & entering reported.
- 2-13 ... 5:00p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 2-21 ... 4:00p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, theft reported.
- 2-15 ... 8:00p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, auto theft (unauthorized use).
- 2-20 ... 2800 blk Alder Vista, theft reported.
- 2-23 ... 10:10p, 2600 blk Woodley, false alarm.
- 2-27 ... 8:15a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering in progress - false alarm.
- 2-28 ... 4:00a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.



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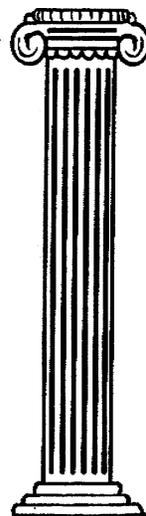
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Annual Hydrant Flushing

As part of its annual maintenance plan, the Minerva Park Fire Department will flush village fire hydrants throughout May. This process can dislodge rust, which can stain clothing and other items. If possible, avoid washing laundry between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. when you see the Fire Department on your street. If your clothing gets stained, try using a rust removal product available at local grocery and discount stores.

At this time the Fire Department will also inspect the area around the hydrants and will remove any obstructions, including shrubs. We know they are unattractive, but it is



dangerous to obstruct the visibility and access to hydrants.

That extra minute that it takes the Fire

Department to find the hydrant could mean the loss of additional property or even your life. Please keep hydrants in plain view.



Found in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake Road, a black wallet, with a small amount of cash and some change.

To claim, call the Minerva Park Police Department, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at 882-1408.

Don't Forget ...



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!



Village Views

From the Editors

"The Villager" is a publication created to bring the community of Minerva Park together by informing residents of community events sponsored by the MPCA. This monthly publication is meant to highlight activities and events. The "Village Views" section of the newsletter is not helping the MPCA achieve the goals and objectives established for the newsletter. As a result, the decision was made by members of the MPCA to eliminate "Letters to the Editor."

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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, April 19, 5:00 p.m.