

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

You Can Never Be Too Careful!

By Marty Matunas, Editor

Recently Minerva Park had an incident that concerns all residents. Sometime in early December, a man walked into the unlocked front door of a house on Minerva Lake Road. The family was home at the time.

The man was startled and ran — the homeowner gave chase, caught the man, and held him until the police made an arrest.

It is fortunate the burglar was unarmed and no one was hurt.

Please keep your doors and garage doors locked day and night. Watch for strange cars, note the license plate number, and call the police if you see something suspicious.

Let's be good citizens and keep an eye out for our neighbors. Minerva Park is a safe and secure neighborhood, but the world around us is ever-changing and we must adapt to it.

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 2000 and will be presented during the Founders Day festivities. 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 19, 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, please contact **Lynn Eisentrout** at **891-0895**.

MP 2000 Year-End Financials

Available in the Treasurer's Office, Community Building.

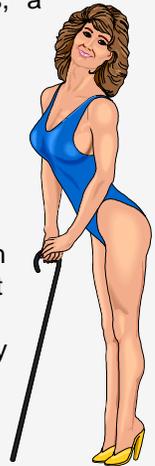
Gentleman's Club Headed to our Area

Many of you know that Cheddar's Restaurant (on Cleveland Ave., just south of I-270, across from McDonald's) is about to become "Sirens," a nude bar.

The Northland area has 9 such places, and the Northland Community Council is working through its development committee and the city to clarify the zoning to try to block the opening of the "club." You

can leave your opinion by calling "Sirens" at 797-2000.

If you would like more information, please call **Andy Bukovinsky** at **846-0925**.



FEBRUARY DATES

- 12 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 14 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 14 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 19 Duck Award Nominations

MPCA News

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.

By Tim Curry, MinervaFlora Committee



Best Outdoor Tree
Karen & David Rhoads
2552 Wildwood

Beautifully lit - blue & red lights on a really tall tree, complete with a star atop.

Runner Up

Jeff & Mary Oberlander
2922 Berry Lane

White lights made a peaceful setting on this corner.



Best Entrance Way
Antoinette & Adam Carfagna
2801 Park Lane

Distinctive decoration - Christmas tree on door flanked by large wreathes.

Runner Up

Richard & Judith Horton
2686 Maplewood

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" spelled out in lights.



Best Religious Theme
Cecilia & Edward Carfagna
3081 Minerva Lake Rd.

A simple manger scene in lights with white lights around the yard.

Runner Up

Peggy & Tom Dlusky
2624 Maplewood

An especially peaceful scene.



Best Whimsical Display
Yvonne & Bill Giammarco
2736 Wildwood Rd.

Elaborately decorated yard with sleigh, tree, music, and twinkling lights.

Runner Up

Todd & Sharon Walter
3042 Minerva Lake Rd.

Well done Christmas scene, with cut-out figures.



Best Outline Effect
Jo Nell & Peter Pohl
2811 Lakewood

House, trees, and bushes were ablaze with white lights.

Runner Up

Thelma & Matt Murtha
2872 N. Lake Ct.

Green wreathes & red ribbon bows on white house.



Best Daytime Display
There was no winner this year in this category.

We thank this year's judges for their invaluable assistance: **Jim & Rella Kehl, Gerline & Jack Lude, Kathy & Ed Norris, and Mell & Connie Pence.**

Children's Party HOLIDAY

By Suzanne Coulter
Children's Committee

The MPCA held its Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 9. The 40 children enjoyed food and crafts, such as making Christmas necklaces, Christmas cards, cookies, and ornaments. We thank our craft helpers, **Stephanie Martin, Carin Martin, Jeff Martin, Chuck Rue, and Julia Choops.** And we thank several of our residents for providing goodies to eat!

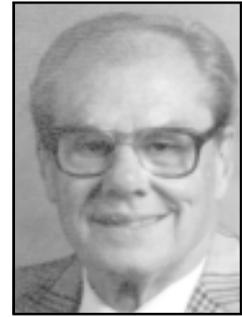
Visitors included **Santa Claus** and his **sidekick elf.** Santa listened intently to the wish lists and sent everyone home with a small gift to tide them over until the real thing on Christmas day.

The event concluded with Christmas carols led by **Jim Martin** and **John Rue.** We thank everyone who made this party great again this year.

Our next children's event is on Saturday, March 31, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Look for a date in the March issue to help stuff eggs. We will need several volunteers to make this event successful. Please call **Suzanne Coulter, 891-7346,** if you would like to help.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Did you keep any of them beyond mid-January? I gave up - now I just tease those folks with good intentions but with a weak will.

At the January council meeting, the Fire Chief reported that the squad will soon have a new dispatching system in place. This system will be compatible with the other units in the areas around us.

As reported earlier, our village engineer resigned. This is a major loss to the village. Eric Chenevey was always available for even the smallest task and did an excellent job. Personally, I will miss working with him.

We do have two applicants for the job - Environmental Design Group and Poggemeyer Design Group. We should have one of them under contract by the end of

February.

People have been observed crossing the lake on the ice. Although younger, I remember skating on the lake several years in a row, the Fire Department believes the temperatures have been not cold enough long enough to consider it safe. Council wants signs erected to warn people to stay off the lake unless it is deemed safe by our own safety personnel.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested that she move the Sewer Enterprise Fund into a Sewer Capital Fund effective January 1, 2001. The amount was \$36,697.80. The request was approved.

The Zoning & Planning Commission did not meet in December. Applicants on the February agenda include the tuxedo shop, which wants to

install laundry and dry cleaning equipment. Another company wants to establish a specialty food market. Both are Cleveland Ave. businesses.

Legislation considered at the January meeting:

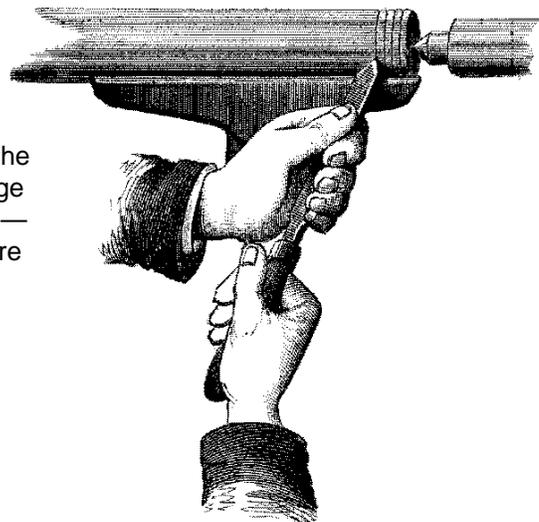
- Resolution to establish the hourly rate for the Clerk of Courts was passed. The rate will range from \$11 to \$13 hourly.
- Other legislation to approve the tax amount as quoted by Franklin County passed.

Humans are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.

Northland Community Council

The NCC this year will coordinate the annual Fourth of July parade for the area. Mark your calendars for July 4, 11:00a, Karl Road parade.

The NCC reports that Morse Road will be getting a \$5 million facelift, thanks to a recent Columbus City Council decision.



If you bought our lathe at the last MP garage sale, please call us — we found some more accessories! (no charge)

523-0604

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Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

December 2000

In August, Medic 119 made 43 runs - 12 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 25 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 732 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 6,410. Leading volunteers for the month were **Greg Norton** (102 hours), **Tony Huffman** (95 hours), and **Wayne Miller** (74 hours).

MP Runs

- 12-5 Alder Vista, asthma attack
- 12-5 Cleveland Ave., difficulty breathing
- 12-18 .. Jordan Rd., unconscious person



Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

Larry & Nancy Gilmore are the new residents at **3016 Carleton Ct.**, from Austin TX. Larry runs the local Hobby Lobby. 895-5405.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

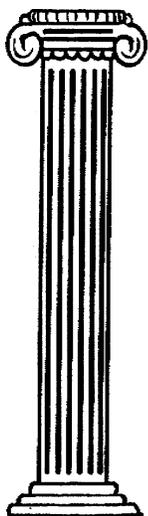
**Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047**

Does someone in your family have a special birthday or event coming up, or has someone received an award or promotion? Let us know!



**Minerva Park
Police**

- 12-6 ... 8:38p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated burglary, apprehension, arrest.
- 12-9 ... 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., person reported missing.
- 12-13 . 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 12-14 . 6:10a, 5200 blk Valley Dr., domestic violence.
- 12-16 . 3:38p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 12-19 . 6:35p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
- 12-20 . 5:48p, Inskeep Brothers printers, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm.
- 12-25 . 1:53p, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm.
- 12-27 . 2:26a, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm.
- 12-27 . 3:04a, Hawthorne Elementary, false alarm.
- 12-28 . 7:02p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 12-29 . 4:04p, 5309 Westerville Rd., vacant building found with glass door smashed out during a routine business check, possible breaking & entering.
- 12-31 . 12:05p, 2800 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm.
- 12-31 . 5:17p, PageLink, 5254 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering.



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Adult Activities

Minerva Wild Ducks

The Minerva Wild Ducks, Minerva Park's Malibu racing team, gets together monthly at the Malibu Grand Prix Racetrack (1201 Schrock Road) for a few spins around the track. They have yet to set the day and time for this season. For more information about this sixties-plus event, contact **Lee Roth, 882-1294**.



Gotta Dance!

If you've got a hankerin' to get moving, the **Over & Under Fifties Club** offers Line Dancing instruction at the Community Building on Fridays from 2:30p to 3:30p. Line dancing is great exercise, lots of fun, and doesn't require a partner. Dances are carefully explained and are set to energizing music. The class is \$3 per session and is open to Minerva Park men and



women of any age. For information, call **Norma Roth at 882-1294** or instructor **Bob Cummings at 268-8153**.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meet at the Community Building on Fridays at 7:30p to join the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.



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