

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Importance of the Northland Community Council

By Marty Matunas, Editor

Minerva Park is a member of the Northland Community Council, an organization composed of 25 neighborhood civic associations and 2 service associations. The NCC represents more than 93,000 residents in the Northland area. It has been a strong voice in the community for more than 36 years, as evidenced by the blockage of "Sirens," a nude bar planned for the former Cheddar's Restaurant. Please call **Andy Bukovinsky** at **846-0925** and thank him for spearheading the fight.



officials, councils, and boards. It coordinates efforts, promotes & fosters development and improvement of our infrastructures, promotes the general welfare, proper growth, goodwill, and mutual understanding of the residents and member organizations. The NCC General Meeting is held the **first Tuesday** of the month at 7:00p at the Karl Road Library, 5990 Karl Road. Additionally, the NCC Development Committee meets the **last Wednesday** of the month at 7:00p at our own Minerva Park Community Building. Residents are invited to attend both meetings and become involved! Together we can move mountains.

The mission of NCC is to represent and communicate the interests of the residents and member organizations to government

NO Nude Bar

The former Cheddar's Restaurant will NOT become a nude bar! I received several phone calls of concern from MP residents, offering their assistance. Your concerns were heard! Columbus pulled the certificate of zoning, which means the space cannot open as an adult entertainment establishment of any kind – they have no permits. The next move is up to the owners, who we understand will file an application to reopen the building as a regular restaurant.



My thanks to all the citizens of Minerva Park, the Northland Community Council, and the City of Columbus for working so hard to address the situation!

Andy Bukovinsky 846-0925
Northland Community Council

MPCA Scholarships

The MPCA annually offers two \$250 scholarships to eligible high school seniors who are graduating in the spring. The scholarship process entails filling out a 1-page application and

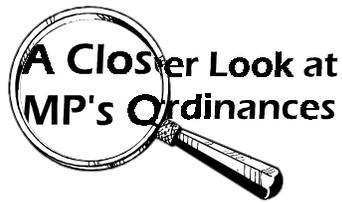


writing a short 1- to 2-page essay. The deadline is May 1, and the scholarships will be awarded in June. For information or to receive an application, please contact **Marie Takacs** at **891-2532**.

MARCH DATES

- 12 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 14 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 14 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 18 Pool Spaghetti Dinner

Did You Know?



There are several MP ordinances that address "the enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare by eliminating conditions favorable to pestilence, disease, and generally unsafe conditions, while at the same time improving the quality, appearance and, most likely, the value of residential property for all residents of the Village" [1272.04(a)(1)].

Boy, that's a mouthful, ain't it?! Not really — when you think about it. Keeping Minerva Park a great place to live and pride of ownership sound like reasonable goals.

The village has contracted with Rumpke to pick up the trash and recyclables on **Wednesdays beginning at 8:00a**. As listed in your "MP Directory" on page 1, there are exceptions as follows:

If one of the following **holidays** is on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the trash is delayed that week until **Thursday** - the holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

Accordingly, please put out your trash for collection no earlier than the evening before pick-up and remove your empty containers by the evening of pick-up.

Here's the ordinance:

"Condition of Premises: Waste Accumulation. No person shall cause or permit waste, garbage, trash, or any

debris, such as lumber and building materials, unused tires or other material, to accumulate or remain on his or her property, except as follows:

A. Trash and garbage properly located for normal and regular pickup is permitted, provided that no such items shall be permitted to remain exposed **to open view beyond normal pickup times**" [1272.04(c)(1)(A)].

"To open view ..." If you have a front-facing garage and little or no side-lot with a sight barrier, please **keep your garbage cans and recycle bins inside your garage or securely covered behind your house.**

Why? Because garbage is an eyesore, and it's a danger to people, pets, and wildlife.

Hey, look - another exception: "**Customary building materials** may remain on the premises during such times as a building permit shall be in effect for the premises, provided that adequate measures are taken to prevent unsafe conditions and, if the items are to remain for a prolonged period, that sufficient screen is provided from neighboring occupied premises"

[1272.04(c)(1)(B)]. And section 660.045(d) limits the timeframe for building materials to 30 days.

There's also the issue of

accumulated garbage, refuse, and rubbish (remember the fellow on Morse Road?) ...

"No person shall ... fail to keep the exterior of all residential and commercial premises in good condition and well-maintained, including painting, if necessary, and such persons shall, within a reasonable time, after notice, remove or remedy all unsightly, dirty, and unsafe conditions" [1272.04(c)(3)].

So let's define [660.045] garbage, refuse, and rubbish ... **Garbage** means "all putrescible waste ... resulting from the

handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of foods ... and any containers that have contained food or liquids for consumption by humans or other beings." **Refuse**

means "such matter as is either in fact noxious or has been refused by

its owner as worthless." **Rubbish** means

"wire, chips, shavings, bottles, broken glass, crockery, tin, cast or wooden ware, boxes, rags, dead weeds, paper circulars, handbills, boots, shoes, ashes, or any waste material other than garbage or offal."

Please **do some exterior housekeeping** where warranted. "**There goes the neighborhood**" is a phrase we don't want to hear about Minerva Park!

If you have a particular question or issue that you would like to see addressed in this column, please leave your request in the Villager mail box inside the Community Building.

Trash Cans & Garbage



MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray

Council convened its February meeting an hour early to allow time to interview two candidates for the position of village engineer:

Stuart Wilms of **EDG Environmental Design Group** and **Mark Johnson** of **Poggemeyer Design Group**.

Although both candidates appeared to be well qualified, Mr. Wilms had worked with me on several projects, during which I found him to be competent and cooperative. Council voted to appoint Mr. Wilms as our village engineer and to use the resources offered by EDG Environmental Design Group.

Council elected **Pam Park Curry** to a second term as Council President. She also serves as chairperson of the legislation committee.

Chairpeople for other committees are as follows:

- Community - **Dave Stahr**
- Finance - **Don Champney**
- Safety - **Lou Busick**
- Service - **Darrell Kem**
- Streets - **Marty Grosh**

Pat Mangano was reappointed to

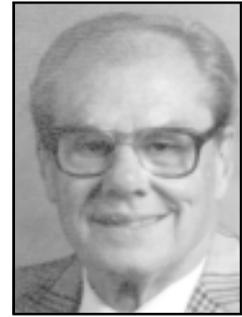
the Planning and Zoning Commission, with **Marty Grosh** as its chair.

Council directed the mayor to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township to provide **emergency services** to the township in exchange for an annual fee of \$6,000.

Fred Lappert will fill the Code Enforcement Officer position established by council. He should be under contract in the next few weeks. He will observe and report any code violations. So, if you are planning to construct anything on your property, including fences, decks, or storage sheds, be sure to get a permit. Simply complete an application and submit it to the Planning and Zoning Clerk.

We hope to start a **sewer cleaning program** soon, to include both storm sewers and sanitary lines. Because of the anticipated cost, the work will be completed in phases and may take several years before the work throughout the village is completed.

We have been receiving



several complaints concerning the exterior "**housekeeping**" of some of our properties. We have a special village, and a little bit of attention will help keep it that way. So I'm asking all residents to get a jumpstart on "spring clean-up" now and adhere to a regular maintenance program, as necessary.

To keep you informed about various village ordinances that address issues such as these, the MPCA has instituted a new column for the Villager, "**Did You Know?**" Over the next few months, they will address zoning, trees, vehicles, pets, etc. Please don't miss this new column - it will answer questions you didn't even know you had!

My wife says that she has an hour-glass figure - just the wrong hour!

MPCA's Largest FUND-RAISER

The annual MP Garage Sale will be **Saturday, May 19**, 9:00a to 4:00p. The cost to register is \$5, which includes maps to distribute and balloons for your mailbox ... and the cost of advertising in local newspapers. The deadline for registration is May 12.

Registration forms in the April and May newsletters may be turned in at the Community Building or mailed to Lynn Eisentrout at 2753 Wildwood Road.

This event is a FUND-RAISER

sponsored by your Community Association. We ask for 10% of your profits. In the past, some residents have had a garage sale on this day without registering - we ask that you register! We will have board members checking for **unauthorized sales** throughout the day, and volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3:30 and 4:00 the day of the sale as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us.

A packet of items will be delivered to you the day before the sale. We are in need of volunteers to distribute packets, collect money, etc. If you would like to volunteer or need more information about the sale, please call **Lynn Eisentrout** at **891-0895**. She will try to return your call that same day.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

By Reno Volpe

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

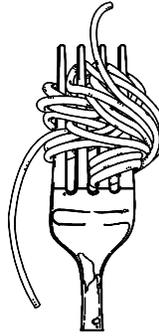
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Lake Clean-Up

April 21

Each year, residents are asked to help tidy up Minerva Park. We need volunteers to help, so please join neighbors & friends for a day of fun & service.



Pool News

By Reno Volpe



The MP Swim Club is seeking committed individuals to be active Pool Board Members, participating in meetings and events. If you are interested, please call **Reno Volpe** at **899-9189**.

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- 1-6 5:21p, Cake Craft, 5436 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-7 Dirko's Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering
- 1-15 ... PageLink, 5264 Cleveland Ave., theft on 12-31 reported
- 1-19 ... 3300 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 1-20 ... 3000 blk Carleton Ct., false alarm
- 1-21 ... 2700 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm
- 1-25 ... 8:20a, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., criminal mischief reported
- 1-26 ... 12:05p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 1-28 ... 12:35p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., attempted theft



Villagers

Congratulations!

... to resident **Don Leman** for the boffo write-up in the Daily Reporter, Columbus' only daily business and legal newspaper. Don has been restoring antique clocks for more than 25 years!

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

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

Medic 119 ..

Where are you?

January 2001

In January, Medic 119 made 36 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 19 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 698 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 698. Leading volunteers for the month were **John Rains** (97 hours), **Tony Ruggles** (96 hours), and **Greg Norton** (63 hours).

MP Runs

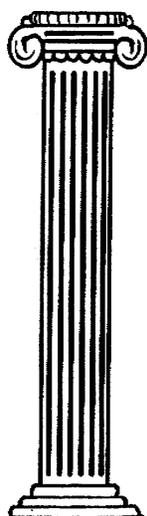
- 1-27 Cleveland Ave., ill person
- 1-27 Rt. 161 WB at Westerville Rd., auto accident



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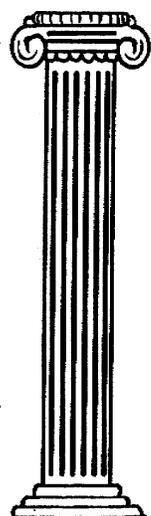
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