

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

September 11

By Marty Matunas, Editor

The events of September 11 forever changed the world as we know it. That other human beings could plan and execute such horrific and cowardly terrorist attacks on American soil is incomprehensible to us. Americans now struggle with how to proceed with daily life as we knew it. Suddenly that which seemed important on September 10 now seems trivial. That which seemed humorous on September 10 now seems in poor taste. Displaying any flag other than American seems a betrayal of our nation.

During the days, weeks,

and months to come, we will get back to our daily routines. We will take our spouses and children for granted again, we will skip church because we're too busy, and we'll fail to vote. We'll grumble about cars & insurance, jammed disc drives, and having to arrive at the airport 3 hours early for a 2-hour flight. We'll grumble about the media being too right- or left-wing, the sitcoms going too far, and music being too obscene. How can all of this happen? Because we live in a great republic—the United States of America!

God bless us all.

New Directories Available

October marks our annual MPCA Membership Drive, and we need your help. Volunteers would canvass their neighborhoods (usually 20-25 houses), distribute the new Resident Directories, and collect **\$10 membership dues**.

Please call **Marilyn Herboltzheim** at **882-0455** if you can help.

Candidates' Night

Wednesday
October 10
7:30 p.m.
Community
Building



Read more on page 2.

Fall Clean-Ups

Saturday, October 20
Saturday, October 27
9:00a

There are 2 more fall clean-up dates this year. Please bring rakes, clippers, etc., and join us at the Community Building.

If you can work at other times, too, please call

Bob Gale at **882-8622**.



OCTOBER DATES

- 4 (7p) **Planning & Zoning**
- 8 (8p) **Council Meeting**
- 10 (7:30p) **Candidates' Night**
- 17 (5p) **Villager Deadline**
- 17 (7:30p) **MPCA Meeting**
- 20 (9:00a) **Fall Clean-Up**
- 27 (9:00a) **Fall Clean-Up**
- 28 (2-4p) **Halloween Party**
- 30 (6-8p) **Beggar's Night**

MPCA News

A Message from Your MPCA President

By Lynn Eisentrout

Candidates' Night

There are several issues on the ballot this November, and we invite you to learn about them. Blendon Township seats, Westerville School Board, the Library tax levy, a Minerva Park renewal levy, the MRDD tax levy, Minerva Park council ... learn about these issues and make informed decisions. Here's your chance to get your questions answered first-hand. See you **Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.** at the Community Building. Refreshments will be served.



Blendon Township

Kevin Bacon
Bill Bates
Robert Bechtel
Don Coble
Christina Cox
Joe Hackney
Paul Hanly
Joan Kelly

Westerville Schools

Kathleen Cocuzzi
Michael Collins
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Library Tax Levy

Don Barlow,
Westerville Library
MRDD Tax Levy
Jed Morison,
Franklin Co. MRDD
Village Council
Pam Park-Curry
MP Renewal Levy
Suzanne Coulter

The **MPCA regular meeting** is rescheduled to **Wednesday, October 17, at 7:30p.**

For a Howling Good Time

Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 28
2:00p - 4:00p
Community Building

Children should come in costume and will enjoy games and activities. **Suzanne Coulter** (891-7346), Children's Committee, would appreciate your help in planning this and other children's events in our community.

Please contact her to volunteer!



The contest for the Fall Garden Award will take place in early October. If you would like to nominate a yard or be a judge, please contact

Bob Gale at 882-8622.



Replant MP's Trees

An Update

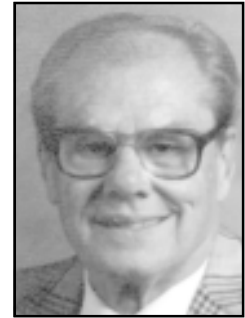
The campaign to plant trees on MP's private lots was a rousing success, with 23 new trees committed and 4 failing trees to be removed! We thank **Sharon Bierman** for single-handedly taking on this effort. See there, one person CAN make a difference. Where would YOU like to volunteer? Call **Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895.**

Beggar's Night

Tuesday
October 30
6-8 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



All council members attended the September meeting. A representative of the **Wide Open West cable company** told us about his company's purchase of Americast. His company will take over on October 31, 2001. He assured us that this change will benefit the TV viewers and will not create any problems with new installations in our easements and rights of way. The franchise fees will remain the same.

We met with a representative of the **Local Government Record Archivist** to determine which of our government records we must keep and for how long, and which ones we could discard. We are about out of storage space!

We had some **drug activity** in our village during September, resulting in the arrest of several people, none of whom are believed to be permanent

residents.

On October 1, 2001, we will submit a new proposal to the Ohio Public Works Commission, requesting funding to rebuild the 1.3 miles of **Minerva Lake Road**. The successful bidders should be selected by July 1, 2002. If we receive the necessary funding, we will proceed with the final engineering and bid package preparation. If everything goes well, we should be able to begin construction in early 2003. We hope there will be minimal incursion into curbside landscaping.

Our new **service cart** will get a new flashing light for better visibility.

Council approved an additional \$5,000 for the third phase of our **storm sewer inspection**. This program is going very well.

Only one bid was received for the **fall leaf program**. It has been re-advertised.

Resolutions passed:

2001-15 - Authorizing Lisa Pride to audit records to determine the amount due the village from license registrations.

2001-16 - Accepting amounts and rates authorizing the necessary tax levies.

2001-17 - Authorizing the mayor to apply for funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

I've heard it said that "you may be as young as you feel but never as important."

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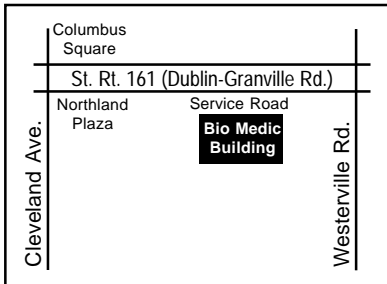
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- 8-9 2:40p, Minerva Park Place,
5460 Cleveland Ave.,
resident died of natural
causes
- 8-20 ... 10:00a, 2600 blk Lakewood
Dr., criminal damaging
reported
- 8-23 ... Multifund Mtg Bancorp,
2999 E. Dub-Gran, 7-6 theft
by deception reported
- 8-25 ... 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd.,
vandalism reported
- 8-28 ... 2800 blk Lakewood Dr.,
theft of 8-24 to 8-27
reported
- 8-28 ... 9:08p, Multifund Mtg
Bancorp, 2999 E. Dub-
Gran, false alarm
- 8-29 ... 11:28a, 5300 blk
Ponderosa Dr., false alarm
- 8-30 ... 4:43p, 5200 blk Elmhurst
Ave., false alarm
- 8-31 ... 11:14a, 2800 blk
Maplewood Dr., animal
complaint

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

August 2001

In August, Medic 119 made 33 runs - 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 16 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 384 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,708. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tony Huffman** (78 hours), **Greg Norton** (74 hours), and **Wayne Miller** (58 hours).

MP Runs

- 8-19 ... Cleveland Ave.,
possible stroke
- 8-29 ... Cleveland Ave.,
unconscious person



Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

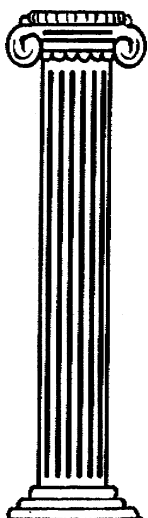
Richard & Pam Ratvasky
are new residents at **2540
Minerva Lake Rd.**
898-9772

David & Heather Winters
moved into **2800 Park
Lane Dr.** 794-1814

**Lisa Craddock & Steve
Thitoff** now live at **3071
Minerva Lake Rd.**, from
Dublin. 891-2166

Scott Hucle is moving into
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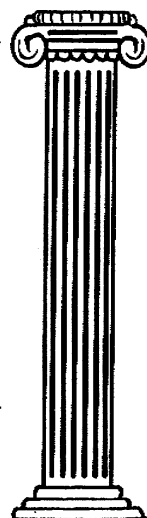
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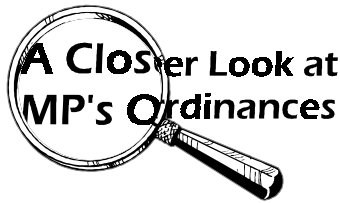
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Did You Know?



Planning & Zoning - Part 2, Fences

One of the more common projects in Minerva Park requiring a permit and village approval is fence construction.

Here's a summary of the "rules & regs."

No fence or wall can be built beyond the rear building line of a dwelling. Wood or combination fences may not exceed 72" from base to top of fence. Chain link-type fences may not exceed 48" from base to top of fence.

The fence must be entirely on your own property (no portion of a fence or wall can be constructed outside of your own lot line).

All posts and supports must be on the "inside" of the fence ... in other words, the "pretty" side must face your neighbors.

Design of the fence and materials used must be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Procedure

To obtain permission to construct a fence, follow these steps:

1. Contact Jan Staats, village clerk, 882-5743, and request a permit application.
2. Complete the application and prepare a drawing, showing

construction details, location of the fence on your property, gates & location of gates, height of fence & gates, types of construction materials.

3. At least 1 week before the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting (first Thursdays of the month), return the application, the drawing, and \$5 for the permit fee* to Jan Staats. This time frame allows the clerk an opportunity to distribute the application to the Commission for their review before meeting.
4. The applicant should make every effort to attend the meeting, to answer any questions that may arise.
5. If everything is in order, a permit is usually approved at the Commission meeting.
6. If there are any irregularities, the request may be rejected until the guidelines are met ... or a variance could be required if the fence in some way does not meet code. Please note that the Planning & Zoning Commission does not have authority to grant a variance. The case must be presented to village council (it meets the 2nd Monday of each month) for its approval or rejection. The Planning & Zoning Commission

can offer its recommendation to council. The applicant should make every effort to attend the council meeting, to answer any questions that may arise.

7. Once the permit (or permit & variance) is granted, you may proceed with construction. After construction, call Jan Staats to set up an



appointment for inspection by the village inspector. If everything is OK, he'll sign off on your permit. If anything is **NOT OK** ... well, that's another matter!

This "permit process" is basically the same for any construction requiring a permit. Note, however, that permit fees vary, depending on the type of project.

* Permit fees vary, depending on type of project.

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.

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