

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MP Official Honored

By Police Lt. Rex Waldenmyer

A little over 2 years ago, a mom and dad separated, with the mom getting full custody of the 2-year-old. But the dad abducted the child, taking it out of state. Felony charges were filed, and the child was entered into the databank for Missing & Exploited Children.

Our own Chief Bobbie Hillard took interest in the case. For 2 years, he tracked the child to North Carolina, several other states, and finally back to Ohio.

On Christmas Day, Chief Hillard and I conducted a surveillance for 3 hours at a residence outside of Franklin County. We reunited the 4-year-

old with its mom later that day at the Minerva Park Community Building. Talk about Christmas present!!



Chief Hillard has served Minerva Park for nearly 25 years, and I am proud to have served with him for the last 19! Most of his accomplishments go unnoticed, but I wanted MP residents to know about the kind of man that represents us.

<http://www.missingkids.com>

## A Message from Your Editor

By Marty Matunas

### Earn Money Delivering the Villager

Many residents have complained about bad Villager delivery. The Villager is supposed to be delivered the weekend of the first Monday each month, in the plastic bag with grocery advertising. Some bags end up as litter because they are thrown near driveways from moving cars, some are not delivered at all, and only a select few are delivered properly. You may call the distributor at Dispatch Consumer

Services, 740-548-5049, if you have delivery problems.

Your MPCA has been discussing alternative delivery options. The most viable is to hire reliable residents to hand deliver the Villager, separate & apart from the advertising flyers. The village could be divided into several sections, or one person could do the entire route. This is a salaried position, which is negotiable based on the area covered. If you are interested, please call **Marty Matunas at 891-3024** or **Sharon Bierman at 899-3755**.

7:00p - 10:00p

## CHESS

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## NO Pool Spaghetti Dinner

Get 20% discounted season pool memberships only on Sunday, March 10, at the Community Building. See the inserted flyer for information.

### MARCH DATES

7 (7:30p) ..... Planning & Zoning  
10 (noon-5p) . Pool Memberships  
11 (8p) ..... Council Meeting  
13 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline  
13 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting  
14, 21, 28 (7-10p) ..... Chess Club  
16 (10:00a) ..... Easter Egg Hunt

# MPCA News

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 16**  
**Starting at 10:00a**

The Easter Egg Hunt is the biggest event of the year for the Children's Committee. We will have four age groups again, starting with the youngest egg hunters.

## NEW LOCATION NEW LOCATION

Grassy areas around the pool

As always, we need volunteers to help with the set-up and running the event. Call **Suzanne Coulter** at **891-7346** if you can help stuff eggs or can help during the event.

- 10:00a ..... Babies through age 2
- 10:10a ..... 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds
- 10:20a .... Kindergarten & grades 1 & 2
- 10:30a ..... Grades 3, 4, & 5



*By Bob Gale*

We recently received a letter from a former resident complimenting Minerva Park and its volunteers for all their hard work. We agree that the landscaped areas of our common grounds are a lovely asset to our community!

Last fall, we completed the first phase of the landscaping along the lake, and plans are underway to move forward with the next phases. You'll recall that the project was made possible by a bequest from Mary Yost. Implementing the plan has taken many hours, and we need volunteers to help maintain these landscaped areas, especially during spring and autumn. A few hours of your time is all we need to keep our community looking great! Please call **Bob Gale** at **882-8622** to volunteer!

## Scholarship Available

Graduating high school seniors are eligible to win the Nancy Fischer



Memorial Scholarship. This \$250 scholarship is awarded annually to deserving Minerva Park graduates. The deadline to submit an application and a short essay is April 30, and the scholarship will be awarded in May. For further information or to obtain an application, please call **Marie Takacs** at **891-2532**.

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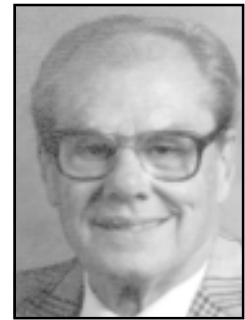
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# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



This has been a tolerable winter so far, sometimes cool but with very little snow. As I write this article, the weather is great. It is a beautiful day at 40° and not a cloud to be seen!

Last month, I reported that our police Officer Stets had resigned and was replaced by Officer Moorehead. Now Officer Moorehead has resigned. However, we were fortunate in receiving an application from a Mifflin Township officer who has completed all of his required training. **Officer Joshua Silverman** is now a member of our police organization.

We have received information from an organization called **Home Sharing**. This Northwest Counseling Services program was started in 1985 to help older, single, and disabled adults to remain in their own homes. If you have any interest, call Lori Dobos at 614-221-4663. There are some brochures about the program inside the entrance of the

Community Building.

The police department is installing **another phone line** as a rollover line to provide better access.

**Planning & Zoning** reported that an application for a shed on Cleveland Ave. was tabled because the applicant did not provide adequate information. The ordinances governing planning & zoning are being reviewed for necessary revisions.

The Northland Community Council provided a list of **sexual predators** compiled by the Franklin County Sheriff. I didn't see any MP residents on the list! <http://www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us/>

Acquisition of the **golf course** was discussed. There are still details to be resolved and work to be done, such as surveys, etc.

New **mulch for the playground** will be considered and may be provided at a cost lower than what we have paid in the past. Dick Busick will research this possibility.

All members attended the February council meeting.

■ **Resolution 2002-03**, Accepting Franklin County millage rates on property taxes - all 3 readings were waived, and the resolution was passed as an emergency.

My mother-in-law said, "The trouble with Sunday drivers is they don't drive any better during the week."

## 2001 Year-End Financials

Available for viewing at the Community Building, by appointment - 882-5743.

Suzanne Coulter  
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## Golf Course Update

By Dave Stahr, Councilman

This is just to keep in touch that there's really nothing new to report right now. Additional information will be provided via the Villager as it develops. You may direct any questions or concerns to **Dave Stahr** at **890-8819**.



- 1-4 ..... 8:08p, Tuxedo Classics, 5236 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-10 ... 6:26p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., bad check complaint
- 1-12 ... 6:45p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
- 1-17 ... 2:17p, Miller & Ranney Plumbing, 5474 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-20 ... 5:12p, Renewal Specialists, 5092 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-22 ... 10:44p, 2600 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm
- 1-23 ... 10:14p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-24 ... 1:43a, Hawthorne School, 5001 Farview Rd., stolen vehicle recovered
- 1-24 ... 5:30p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., bad check complaint
- 1-26 ... 3:50p, 5400 blk Cardinal Ct., false alarm
- 1-29 ... 5:45p, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 1-31 ... 3:47p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm



Villagers

Welcome  
Our New Neighbors!

**James & Mary Ann Akins**  
are new newlyweds at  
**2945 Kerrwood Rd.,**  
865-0897

**Abdo & Ratiba Abdiyni,**  
**Inar, and Hiba** now live at  
**3016 Carleton Ct.,** from  
Strawberry Farms,  
890-4091

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

## Northland Community Council Update

The guest speaker at the recent NCC meeting was **Sheriff Jim Karnes**, who discussed the Franklin County Sex Offender Unit. Currently, any convicted sex offender must register and be placed on a public list, now totalling 93 in Franklin County. The list is available online at <http://www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us>. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case contesting the legality of posting sex offender names' on the Internet. Here's the story ... <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,45960,00.html>.

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By Greg Wittmann

## Save an Average of \$300 Annually

We are pleased to announce that Minerva residents showed up in impressive numbers to become members of our first neighborhood Eco-team—a neighbor-to-neighbor program sponsored by a national organization called the Global Action Plan.

The program has been going on in Columbus and Worthington neighborhoods for the past 3½ years. Participants learn how to live more Earth-friendly by reducing garbage, conserving water and energy, driving more

efficiently, and shopping responsibly. Participants also have an opportunity to be environmentally active in the larger community, for example, keeping the Minerva Lake Golf Course a green space, protecting the water quality in our creeks and lakes, and promoting the preservation of the wetlands area at Hawthorne Elementary School.

The team approach allows folks to learn from each other, share expertise and resources (like tools), and connect with other people in the neighborhood who are interested in conservation. This process allows neighbors to get to know other neighbors better, while developing a sense of community.

Teams meet 7 times, about every other week in each other's homes, covering a different topic at each meeting. Everyone takes on doing actions in their own household and comes back to the next meeting reporting on what they did. Participants take turns

leading the meetings.

A \$35 fee per household covers the cost of materials, which includes an excellent workbook that the whole family can use. At the end of the program, each household gets a savings report that indicates dollar amount savings for each action they did. The report shows how many pounds of garbage they are saving from the landfill, how many gallons of water they are saving, CO<sub>2</sub> savings from the atmosphere, percentage of energy being saved on utility bills, and savings from driving more efficiently. The average yearly savings per household is \$300.

We commend the efforts and enthusiasm of our Eco-Team neighbors and wish them success in their pursuit to keep our neighborhood a safe and healthy place to live.

If anyone else is interested in becoming a team member or in starting a new team, contact **Greg Wittmann** at **523-2178**.

## Protecting Your Child Against Sexual Abuse

- Let your child know that he or she can tell you anything and that you will always be supportive.
- Teach your child that no one—not even a teacher or a close relative—has the right to touch him or her in a way that feels uncomfortable. Let them know that it's okay to say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
- Don't force kids to kiss or hug or sit on a grown-up's lap if they don't want to. This gives them control and teaches them that they always have the right to refuse.
- Tell your child to stay away from strangers who hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, and schools.
- Be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal sexual abuse ... sudden secretiveness, withdrawal from activities, refusal to go to school, unexplained hostility toward a favorite babysitter or relative, increased anxiety.
- Some physical signs of abuse include bedwetting, loss of appetite, venereal disease, nightmares, and complaints of pain or irritation around the genitals.
- If your child has been sexually abused, report it to the police or a child-protection agency immediately.
- If your child is a victim of any crime, from stolen lunch money to sexual abuse, don't blame him or her. Listen and offer sympathy and support.
- When your child is home alone, make sure they do not let anyone into the house without your permission ... and never to let a caller—at the door or on the phone—know that there's no adult at home. Kids can always say that their parents are busy and then take a message.
- Caution your child not to take a ride from a friendly stranger.
- Watch for anyone wanting to play a "secret game."

*This information is provided by the National Crime Prevention Council and the National Sheriffs' Association. MPCA, the Villager, and the village assume no liability for reprinting it here.*

# Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

## January 2002

In January, Medic 119 made 24 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 9 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 355 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 355. Leading volunteers for the month were **Wayne Miller** (62 hours), **Mike Ostrander** (59 hours), and **Tina Quinn** (38 hours).

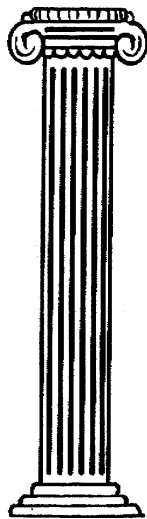
### MP Runs

1-13...Lakewood Dr., seizure

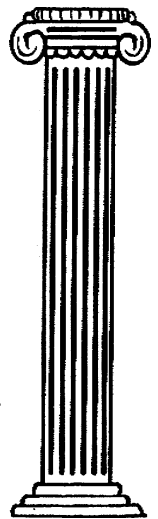
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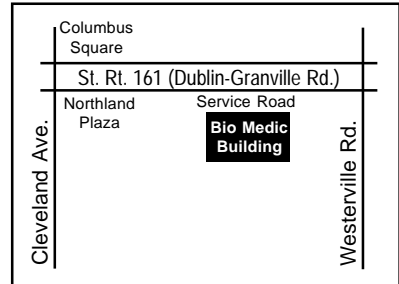
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<http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp>  
username = mPCA password = villager

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**Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 p.m.**