

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## 5th Annual Founders Day

Saturday, July 27

2:00p - 4:00p Garden Tour

4:00p - 8:00p Founders Day Festivities  
Community Building

This year's celebration promises to be better than ever ... a terrific **band**, free **rides**, **games**, and **food**—lots of it! To celebrate our fifth year, we are having a **pig roast**, and we need your help.

Please fill out the RSVP form below and mail it to Lynn Eisentrout, 2753 Wildwood Road, or drop it off at the Community Building (2829 Minerva Lake Road) during its open hours ...

to better enable us to anticipate the number of residents attending. As



usual, we need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, oversee games, and baking desserts.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Lynn

Eisentrout at 891-0895. Hope to see you on July 27th.



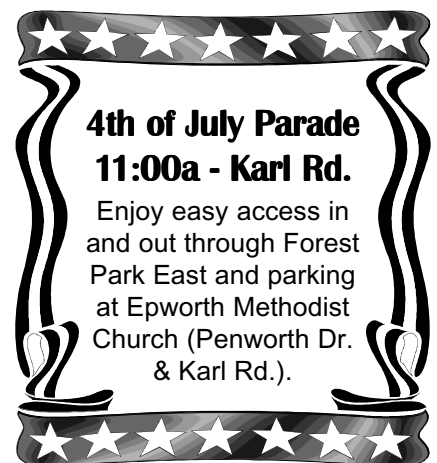
**Founders Day**  
2:00p - 4:00p

On Founders Day, enjoy the Minerva Park Garden Tour from 2:00p to 4:00p. If you would like to have your garden on tour or would like to help with the event, please contact **Bob Gale** at **882-8622** by **July 1** or e-mail him at [bgale@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bgale@columbus.rr.com).



## Founders Day

- 2-4p ..... Garden Tour
- 4-7p ..... Moon Bounce
- 4:30-7p . Food served
- 4-8p ..... Paddle Boat Rides
- 5-6p ..... Melody the Clown, Face Painting, Balloon Animals
- 5-7p ..... Music
- 7p ..... Tug-'O-War



**4th of July Parade**  
**11:00a - Karl Rd.**

Enjoy easy access in and out through Forest Park East and parking at Epworth Methodist Church (Penworth Dr. & Karl Rd.).

### RSVP

Can I go to Founders Day without "registering"?  
YES, we're just trying to get a head-count for the food.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to Lynn Eisentrout, 2753 Wildwood Road,  
or drop off at the Community Building on Monday,  
Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00a - noon.

### JULY DATES

- 4 (11:00a) ..... 4th of July Parade
- 8 (7:30p) ..... Budget Meeting
- 8 (8p) ..... Council Meeting
- 10 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 11 (7:30p) ..... Planning & Zoning
- 17 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline
- 27 (2p-4p) ..... MP Garden Tour
- 27 (4p-8p) ..... Founders Day

## MPCA News

### A Message from the Editor

By Marty Matunas

Minerva Park is in full bloom as it always is in July. Every summer I am reminded why we moved here 19 years ago. In 2002, more than ever, it seems as if more neighbors are moving in and out. Maybe that means that we have become "old timers" here in the park. There is one common feeling among the former residents that

I run into ... they all miss the neighbors here and our surrounding neighborhood!

I've been asked by several residents to remind motorists to **slow down**. School is out, the weather is nice, and we have increased pedestrian traffic (both children and adults). With additional activities in our

streets—like evening walks, bike riding, dog walking, etc.—it is imperative that motorists use caution regarding speed, especially with the "blind" corners here in Minerva Park.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer!

See [Deadly Distractions](#) on page 4.



By Carolyn Hughes

It was a very busy month, but I did manage to walk with our dog JoJo down to the lakes a few times ... or as many people would say, JoJo walked me!

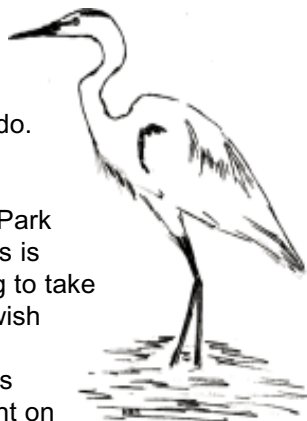
On one trip, we spotted a mallard family—drake, mama duck, and 5 little ducklings! Mom and dad were upset that we came upon them, and we were really surprised, as they were near the bridge over the waterfall. Mom called out with her boisterous warning quack, and everyone was on the move. We were really enjoying them but decided it best to move on so she wouldn't be too upset.

The next time we walked down, we saw 3 families of Canadian geese, each with 3 goslings. Those parents had their kids in line! They saw us coming and herded their kids toward the water with necks outstretched and

lots of honking. We tried to stay a distance away so they would not leave so quickly.

One other bird that I want to mention is the Great Blue Heron that has been on the shore of the north lake. This is truly a beautiful and majestic bird. On the morning I saw it, some ducks got into a squabble, and the heron just stood there, overlooking the fight. Be sure to look for this one ... it resembles a crane, standing 3' to 4' tall.

By the time this issue is published, summer will be here. The goslings and ducklings are growing up fast, as all children do. The next wave of Minerva Park graduates is preparing to take flight. I wish all of the graduates good flight on their long journeys.



## Villagers

### Welcome Our New Neighbors!

**Bill & Judy Fisher** now live at 2579 Woodley Rd. (the sister lives next door!).

**Lou Cavallari** is a new resident at **2585 Minerva Lake Rd.**, from Cleveland, 901-2176

**John & Elizabeth Heidgen and Katie** moved to **2794 Lakewood Dr.**, 899-2381.

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

# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



Council met June 10 with 5 members present.

The village engineer is working with a committee to develop a **street maintenance plan**. There is severe deterioration in several areas, which will require some major repair. The plan will include an inventory of condition and quality, maintenance history & options, budget issues, and a recommended annual plan.

We had some **vandalism** at our playground and on the stone wall near the dam. I hope this activity can be better controlled by having our police on foot patrol during the time it is believed these people do their work. If you observe any activity that might seem of a suspicious nature, it would help if you report it to the police.

**Planning & Zoning** reported that a sign permit request for the funeral home on Route 161 was denied. They appealed to council for a variance, which was granted.

A variance for a permit for a shed on Lakewood was approved.

Anyone considering an application for a permit to Planning & Zoning, be advised that its regularly scheduled meeting falls on July 4th, so that meeting has been rescheduled for **July 11**.

The MP Community Association reported that the **Fourth of July parade** has fewer entrees this year than last. At this point, Minerva Park will have 4 or 5 entries.

The state has just completed its audit of our village government, and it appears we did very well.

We should get the official report in a few weeks.

A car involved in a collision damaged one of the **stone pillars** at Woodley & Cleveland Ave. We believe the insurance of the person at fault will pay for the repair.

I have several reports of bad service by our **trash pick-up** people. After several conversations with Rumpke's management, I am assured of improvement. However, their contract will soon be up for renewal, so we may consider another company.

The **pool board** representative presented information that the pool may not be able to operate next year without some needed repairs, which the pool cannot afford. A task force was appointed to investigate and to make recommendations.

**Ordinance 02-2002** - To amend the zoning on the corner lot of Westerville Road where the Iron Pony used to be was approved for the second reading.

This change will allow its use as a used car lot. There was much discussion, both pro and con.

**Resolution 2002-04** -

Request the placement of a 5 mil levy on the ballot of the general election on November 5, 2002.

**Resolution 2002-07** - To

make appropriations for the expenses during the fiscal year ending 12-31-03. Passed.

**Resolution 2002-08** -

Authorized the major and clerk-treasurer to contract for general liability insurance for the village. Passed.

Mark Twain once said, "Always do right. This will gratify some and astonish others."

## MP Directory Update

It's time to update our annual directory. Please check your listing and report any changes or suggestions.

## MP Directory Ads

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**Sharon Bierman, 899-3755**

## Golf Course Update

By Dave Stahr, Councilman

Minerva Park is one step closer to the purchase of the golf course. The appraisal process has been completed. We should be able to publish information regarding the final contract soon. You may direct any questions or concerns to **Dave Stahr at 890-8819**.

# Deadly Distractions



**Minerva Park  
Police**

Driver distractions or inattentive driving play a part in **1 out of every 4** motor vehicle crashes. That's more than **1.5 million a year**, more than 4,300 each day!

At 60 mph, in just 2 seconds you'll travel 176 feet, more than half the length of a football field!

## Ways to keep your concentration

Are you prepared to avoid a car swerving in front of you? How about braking for a pedestrian who suddenly steps into your path? Can you steer safely clear of debris falling from a truck?

Stays focused. Pay attention. Expect the unexpected. And follow these simple tips to help you - and others - stay alive.

- Do not tailgate.
- Make sure you & passengers are properly buckled up.
- Get plenty of sleep; never drive while drowsy.
- Avoid aggressive drivers.
- Allow sufficient time to reach your destination.

## Dangerous driving distractions

As you know, there are all kinds of distractions that take your attention away from driving. How many times have you seen people putting on make-up, styling hair, or shaving while driving? How about people reading maps or directions, a newspaper, or even a book? And we all know smoking is hazardous enough, but lighting up, putting out cigarettes, or dealing with falling ashes while driving can be deadly.

## Turning knobs means turning your head

Radio station buttons, CD & cassette controls, volume, balance & fade, A/C and heat, fan speed, cruise control ... these are just some of the knobs, switches, buttons, and controls you can adjust, switch on or off, and turn up & down while driving.

You may think all the adjusting and changing is routine - after all, you've been doing it since you got your license. But inserting a CD or searching for a radio station makes you 6 times more likely to get into an accident than glancing at the fuel gauge or speedometer.

Ask a passenger to adjust the radio or climate controls for you.

Take advantage of normal stops to adjust controls.

With more complex devices - GPS navigation systems, etc. - take the time to stop in a safe place before giving them your attention.

Courtesy National Highway Traffic Safety Admin, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, Federal Highway Admin, and National Safety Council.

- 5-3 .... 10:56p, Blessed & Dressed Fashions, 5248 Cleveland, false alarm
- 5-8 .... 3:25p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-8 .... 6:34p, 2600 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm
- 5-11 .. 4:23a, AAA Cash Advance, 5272 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-11 .. 6:54p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm
- 5-11 .. 10:28p, MP Place Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., family dispute
- 5-13 .. 10:15p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-15 .. 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., theft - bad checks - forgery on 4-4, 4-19 to 5-12 reported
- 5-18 .. 5:30p-10:00p, 5300 blk E. Shore Dr., criminal damaging
- 5-25 .. 4:25a-6:30a, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Dr., breaking & entering
- 5-26 .. 1:45p, PayLess Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., assault

## Special Council Meeting

**Monday, July 8 - 7:30p  
Community Building**

There will be a special council meeting for the presentation of and any discussion on the Annual Appropriations Measure for the year 2003. This meeting is open to the

residents of the village to present the possible budget for the year 2003, for the purpose of council's approval of the budget, and its submission to the Franklin County Budget Commission by July 20, 2002.

Suzanne Coulter  
Treasurer



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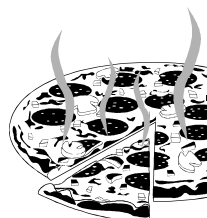
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Sausage	6.40	8.40	10.40
Mushrooms	6.40	8.40	10.40
Ham	6.40	8.40	10.40
2 items	7.40	9.40	11.40
3 items	8.40	10.40	12.40
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# Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

## May 2002

In May, Medic 119 made 23 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 12 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 512 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,187. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tony Huffman** (98 hours), **Wayne Miller** (85 hours), and **Mike Ostrander** (82).

### MP Runs

Because of computer problems, the run details are not available.

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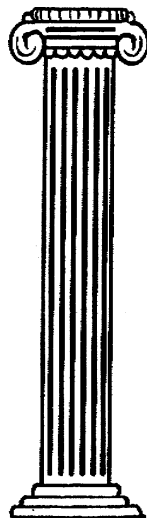
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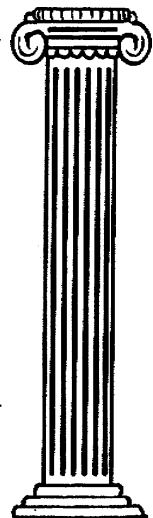


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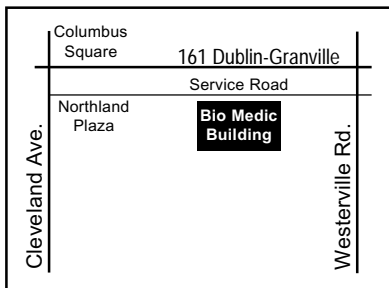
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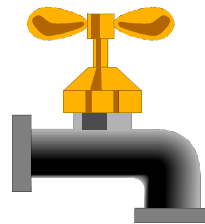
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