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The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

For a

## ★Howling Good Time

Annual MPCA Halloween Party  
 Sunday, October 29  
 2:00p - 4:00p  
 Community Building

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Fall & Halloween crafts, snacks, candy (bring a Trick or Treating bag), entertainment, pumpkin carving contest (bring your pumpkin for the Mayor to see), wear your best costume! As always, we can use some volunteers and some bakers. Please call **Suzanne Coulter** at 891-7346.

## Christmas Carriage Rides

Join your MP neighbors and their guests at the 5th annual Christmas Carriage Rides, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 17. Watch for the announcement and registration form in next month's Villager.

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## Beggar's Night

Tuesday, October 31  
 6:00p to 8:00p

## Looking for Brownies

My 6-year-old daughter and I are interested in starting a new Brownie Troop at the Community Building on the 1st & 3rd or 2nd & 4th Thursdays. We need at least 5 girls and one more leader. What a great way to form new bonds with friends in Minerva Park!

**Shelley Sammons**  
 818-1740



## Moms of Minerva Park

Would you like a fun way to make new friends for yourself and your tot? We welcome you to join us the **last Wednesday of each month** as we enjoy coffee, conversation, and playtime together!

**Amy Szlapak**  
 890-4113



## MPCA Membership Drive - Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with the 2006-2007 MPCA Membership Drive. Simply help distribute literature and collect dues. Please call **Marilyn Herboltzheimer** at 882-0455 to sign up for a section of the Village.

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### OCTOBER DATES

- 5 (7:30p) ..... Planning & Zoning
- 9 (7p) ..... Council Meeting
- 11 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline
- 14 (9a) ..... Village Clean-up
- 18 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 29 (2p-4p) ..... Halloween Party
- 31 (6p-8p) ..... Beggar's Night



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**Medic 119 ... August 2006**  
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In August, Medic 119 made 45 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 23 patients were transported to hospitals ... 21 members volunteered a total of 620 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,075. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tina Quinn** (114 hours), **Brian Horton** (67 hours), and **Craig Phillips** (57 hours).

**MP Runs**  
8-17 .... Difficulty breathing  
8-24 .... Attempted suicide

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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



While driving and walking around the Village, I have noticed that many of you have **recycling bins** that are quite damaged and taped together. We have a supply of the larger, sturdier green bins at the Community Building, so please don't hesitate to stop by and pick up what you need. Additionally, we have once again asked Local Waste to instruct their drivers and employees to refrain from throwing the trash cans and bins.

**Golf Course** - The golf course has not been mentioned for several months, and some of you have asked if there is any news. I recently spoke with the property owner and the builder and learned that nothing new has developed. There is still a pending contract between these parties but with the current housing market, it is doubtful we will see any movement until early next year.

**3.2 Mill Replacement Levy** - There will be a 3.2 Mill Replacement Levy on November's ballot. This is a replacement of a tax that has been in effect since 1991, amounting to \$0.32 for each \$100 of valuation, with a duration of five years. Revenue generated from this tax is for "current expenses," such as trash hauling, police and EMS/fire protection, leaf pick-up, snow removal, mosquito spraying, etc. We appreciate your past and continued support of this issue. As always, if you have any questions about the budget, please don't hesitate to contact Clerk-

Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, Finance Committee Chairman Don Champney, or me.

**Christmas Carriage Rides** - The Fifth Annual Christmas Carriage Ride event has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 17, and the formal announcement and registration form will be in the November issue of the Villager. For new residents who have not previously attended this event, it is an evening of horse-drawn carriage rides throughout the central portion of the Village, caroling, a bon fire, hot chocolate, and a light supper is served inside the Community Building. Mr. and Mrs. Claus usually surprise us with a visit, to the delight of the many children who attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your new neighbors and see old friends.

**New Council Member** - Todd Walter, a Minerva Lake Road resident, was appointed at the September Council meeting to complete Ron Yarano's term. He will chair the Community committee and will sit as a member on the Safety and Street committees.

Congratulations to National Merit Scholarship semifinalist **Kenton McDowell**, son of Rebecca Becker. Kenton is a senior at Westerville South and has lived in Minerva Park for 13 years. Good luck as he competes for final standing.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held September 11. The following reports were made:

**Police** - Chief Hillard was on vacation but had provided his monthly report.

**EMS** - Chief Hoehstetter reviewed his monthly report and will have a crew on duty for the Showcase Home event on September 17.

**Engineer** - Mike Flickinger

reported on the 2006 Street Project that is in progress.

**Law**

**Director** - Kerry Boyle had no report.

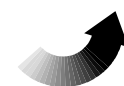
**Planning & Zoning** - Planning & Zoning recommended approval of a variance request from a resident on Kerrwood Drive for a fence. After considerable discussion, the Council approved the variance request with several caveats. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report and outlined the progress being made on pending cases.

**Minerva Park Community Association** - MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the September meeting would be the annual General Meeting with the election of officers. As an update, the following were elected: Bob Gale, President; Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, Vice President; Gretchen Persohn, Secretary; and Dick Busick, Treasurer. The pool's Doggie Dip event went well, counting approximately 43 dogs and their owners in attendance, and the Village Directory should go to print soon to be available for the Membership Drive in October.

**Northland Community Council**

- Representative Karen Cogley reported that the NCC will not be hosting a Candidates' Night, a committee has been formed to attract more members to NCC, Phase One of the Morse Road Project should be completed by the end of November 2006, and the Northland Area Business Association continues to campaign to have businesses contribute to the upkeep of Route 161, specifically the mowing.

The following committee reports were made:



## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
 Tu – 8a-1p  
 Th – 8a-1p and 6p-8p  
 Sat, Oct 7 – 10:00a - noon

**Community** - Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that 34 people attended the second Wine and Cheese party held at the pool, noting a profit of \$85.13, and the Doggie Dip event had a profit of \$68.61.

**Finance** - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval for warrants totaling \$66,481.68.

**Legislation** - Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the Council to address the following pieces of legislation:

**Resolution 2006-13** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Columbus City Attorney, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for the Village of Minerva Park during 2007. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-14** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard Busick for the services of the Village Code Enforcement Officer from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-15** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township concerning the continued provision of emergency medical aid service to the residents of Blendon Township by the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-16** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defender's Commission for legal services during 2007. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-17** - Providing for the employment of a Director of Law for the Village. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-18** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contact for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-19** - Authorizing

the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections for the Village. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-20** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2006-21** - Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Safety** - Councilman Chuck Gibson had nothing to add to Chief Hillard's report nor to Chief Hoehstetter's.

**Service** - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that she is working on the 2006 Leaf Pick-up Program and will be accepting proposals to present to the Council at the October meeting.


**Streets** - Councilman Jeff Rigg added a few comments about the progress of the 2006 Street Project. •

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**July 2006**


Beg balance general fund .....	\$192,617.11
Revenue collected .....	229,398.24
Expenses .....	(107,588.74)
Ending balance .....	\$314,426.61

**August 2006**

Beg balance general fund .....	\$314,426.61
Revenue collected .....	64,796.29
Expenses .....	(66,968.89)
Ending balance .....	\$312,055.56



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**Oct 14, Nov 4, Nov 11 - 9:00a**

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at **882-8622**.





# Villagers

## Welcome

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**Bob and Lynn Righetti**, 2720 Maplewood Dr., 794-0257, from Clintonville

**Linda McLean**, 2545 Woodley, 392-0339, from N. Linden Heights

**Lisa & Isaiah Stockdale**, 5275 Westbridge, 899-2439, from Strawberry Farms

**Brett, Kim, Riley, Alec, & Sydney Broyles**, 5353 E. Shore Dr., 890-1954, from Obetz

**Connie McPeek & Kyle**, 2706 Wildwood Rd., 212-2423, from Newark

**Brian, Kate, & Evan McDonald**, 2582 Wildwood Rd., 543-1328, from Delaware

**Jordan & Libby Ohler**, 2559 Woodley Rd., 519-7357, from Westerville

**Charlie & Dawn Swint**, 3238 Minerva Lake Rd., 882-0492, from Mt. Air

**Matt & Allison Wodkowski**, 3022 Minerva Lake Rd., 891-3182, from Westerville

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**  
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166  
Amy Szlapak - 890-4113



**August** - MP Police Officers made 12 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests; 12 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

8-2 .... 3:00a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., rape

8-2 .... 7:23p, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., false alarm

8-3 .... 8:13a, Multi-Fund, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm

8-3 .... 4:14p, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., false alarm

8-4 .... 4:58p, 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., theft

8-5 .... 7:09a, 2800 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm

8-11 .. 8:30a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., vandalism reported

8-12 .. 6:00p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., trespass reported

8-12 .. 10:35a, AAA Cash Advance, 5272 Cleveland Ave., false alarm

8-12 .. 3:46p, 5300 blk East Shore Dr., false alarm

8-13 .. 8:00a, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft reported

8-13 .. 9:15p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft reported

8-20 .. 4:17p, Inskeep Printers, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm

8-20 .. 12:20p, 2700 blk Jordan Rd., aggravated burglary reported

8-21 .. 6:24a, 2600 blk Alder Vista Dr., animal complaint

8-23 .. 8:02p, 2900 blk Berry Lane, false alarm

8-24 .. 8:34p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., attempted suicide •



Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are October 3 & 17 - 5:30p.

If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

**August 2006**

Complete payments - 23	
Village Computer Fund .....	\$ 115
Village General Fund .....	3,722
Remitted to the State .....	586
Total Court Receipts .....	\$4,423



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The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's signature and phone number. The Villager is online at:  
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Next deadline:  
**Wednesday, Oct 18, 5:00p**

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