

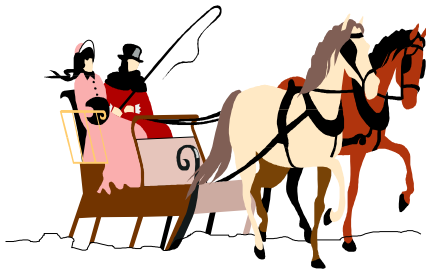
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The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

5th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides

FREE for Minerva Park Community Association Members and limited guests



Again this year, in an effort to recreate an "Olde Fashioned Village Christmas," the Minerva Park Community Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the village. This is FREE to all **Minerva Park Community Association members** and their guests, but **WRITTEN** reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Community Building for hot chocolate, a light supper, a bonfire, and Christmas caroling.

Written reservations are required – phone reservations cannot be accepted.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

Important - You must have paid your 2006 MPCA dues of \$15 to participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay last year's 2006 dues, please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

Written Reservations Required

DEADLINE Dec. 13, 9:00p. Mail or deliver **WRITTEN** reservations to: Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743) **2829 Minerva Lake Road**

Sunday, December 17
5:30p - 8:30p

Public Hearing

Planning & Zoning variance request - November 20, 7:00p, at the Community Building. Variance requested by Blaine Allen, Squeaky Clean, 2568 Wildwood Road.

Congratulations Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter!

Recognized for successful completion of:

1. Uniform Accounting Network Visiting Clerk/Fiscal Officer Training
2. National Response Plan training program - U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Management Institute

November's Council Meeting

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER DATES

- 2 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 4 (9a) MinervaFlora Clean-up
- 7 (6:30a-7:30p) Election
- 11 (9a) ... MinervaFlora Clean-up
- 15 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 15 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 20 (7p) Council Meeting

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #



MPCA News

MPCA Membership Drive

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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Fall Clean-Ups

Nov. 4 & 11 - 9:00a
Meet at Community Bldg.

Help ready the Village for winter. If you can work at other times, too, call

Bob Gale
at **882-8622**.



Candidates Night Report

An appreciative crowd had an opportunity to listen

to and question a core group of politicians important to Minerva Park. Despite the stormy weather, citizens enjoyed interaction with U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi, Franklin County Auditor Joe Testa, and State Representative candidate Kevin Bacon.

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Leaf Pick-up

Minerva Park has been divided into five areas that determine the order of leaf pick-up. Please keep in mind that it takes approximately 6 days to sweep the entire Village, as long as the weather cooperates. So, regardless of where your home is located, you can expect a leaf pick-up every 6 days (weather permitting) or even sooner as the volume of leaves begins to taper off. The pick-up will occur in the following order:

Area 1 - Minerva Lake Rd., Valley Rd., Farview.

Area 2 - Lakewood, Maplewood, Alder Vista, Lakeland Ct.

Area 3 - Wildwood, Elmhurst, Westbridge, Woodley, Cardinal Ct., North Bay.

Area 4 - Jordan, Park Lane Dr., Park Lane Ct.

Area 5 - Ponderosa, Carlton Ct., Kerrwood, East Shore Dr., North Lake Ct., East Shore Ct., Berry Lane Ct.

Please have your last leaves raked to the street no later than December 4. Pick-up usually is from 8:00a to 7:00p, M-F, with limited hours starting at 8:00a on Saturday. There is no leaf collection on Sunday because the dump site is closed.

Leaf Collection Tips

- No foreign materials, please, such as brush, twigs, or grass clippings. Objects such as stones, bricks, or large rocks can cause severe damage to the vacuum collection equipment. Please be a responsible neighbor and keep your

curb and street area free of this debris.

- Rake leaves to the curb area only – not into the street. Leaves left on the grass may cause discoloration, but yellowing is not long-term and grass recovers quickly. Leaves placed in the street become wet and may block storm sewers.
- Refrain from on-street parking during scheduled collection weeks. Collecting leaves from behind parked vehicles significantly inhibits our ability to provide timely pick-up.
- If you live on a cul-de-sac or circle, please park in your driveways, so the leaf collection machinery can navigate the tight turns on the street.

We hope you all enjoy the wonderful changing of the seasons!

*Sharon Bierman, Service Chair
Tim Rannebarger,
Leaf Collection*

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



This has been a busy month. Before I begin my report, I would like to thank all of the residents who sent thank you notes and cards or called or emailed to express their gratitude for the "new" roads. A significant amount of time and effort is invested in each project. We must prioritize which streets need the most immediate attention; create the scope of work while anticipating some unusual repair work, given the age and condition of some of the streets, curbs, gutters, and storm sewers; and secure the funding to complete these projects. While we have made considerable progress with the last three major street repair projects in 2004, 2005, and 2006, we still have a long way to go. Still, it's always nice to hear that our efforts are appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to do so.

3.2 Mill Replacement Levy: As mentioned in last month's report, there will be a Minerva Park 3.2 Mill Replacement Levy on the November 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 and generating approximately \$122,000. Revenue from this tax is for Village services, such as police and EMS/ Fire protection, trash hauling, leaf pick-up, snow removal, mosquito spraying, maintenance of parklands and the lakes, 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.

Cleveland Avenue: I have received

word that Cleveland Avenue is to be paved in spring 2007. It is my understanding that Columbus will be using the same mill and fill process that we have been using on our street projects, but I do not know the extent of the curb and gutter work at this point. I will keep you informed.

As a member of the Northland Community Council Development Committee, I have asked my fellow committee members' assistance in persuading Columbus to take a serious look at the deterioration of some parts of the northland area because of lack of code enforcement, specifically on Cleveland Avenue, 161, and Morse Road. Development Committee Chairman Jeff Murray scheduled a meeting with Columbus Code Enforcement Supervisor Jeff Pharion on October 3. Also in attendance were several Development Committee members (one of whom is Pat Tiberi's aide, Mark Bell), Minerva Park Council President Pam Park-Curry, and me. This meeting was a good first step, and with additional discussion at the regular NCC Development meeting, the intent of this group is to form a committee to work with Columbus and Code Enforcement personnel.

Earthen Dam: On October 2, Council Service Committee Chairwoman Sharon Bierman, Village Engineer Mike Flickinger, and I met with our Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) liaison to discuss the mandated order to repair the dam and remove existing trees. Please read her detailed report under Service Committee.

Marathon Pipeline Tree Trimming: I have met with our contact at Mid-Ohio Tree Service to discuss the progress of the project and their protocol for contacting the residents affected by the tree trimming. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Donation: Many thanks to **Kenton and Jenine Stanley** for donating topsoil to the Village. MPCA's MinervaFlora Committee used this to fill in areas around

the dam and various flower beds throughout the Village.

All Council members were present at the regular Council meeting held October 9.

Guest Speaker: **Bill Lhota, CEO of COTA**, gave a brief presentation to the Council and asked for its endorsement of Issue 7.

The following departmental reports were made:

Police: Chief Bobbie Hiilard reviewed his monthly report. A required training session was conducted for police officers, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Mayor to qualify for future grant funding from Homeland Security.

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. Clerk-Treasurer Coulter thanked Chief Hoechstetter for attending the day-long Bureau of Worker's Comp training session, certifying him to be the drug-free workplace trainer.

Engineer: Mike Flickinger reported that the 2006 Street Project was completed and that he was compiling a punch list. More asphalt was added to the total because of exposed and rough stone on Elmhurst and Westbridge after milling and to level Ponderosa.

Law Director: Gene Hollins briefly discussed the recent press coverage on sexual offenders in neighborhoods and residential notification. The MP Police Department watches this very closely.

Planning & Zoning: Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reported that permits were granted to a Minerva Lake Road resident for a porch and for an addition to a Lakewood Drive resident. A Wildwood resident has requested a variance for a home occupation that will require public notice for a public hearing to be held at the next regular Council meeting. This meeting will be held Monday, November

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F – 8a-1p and 4p-6p

Tu – 8a-1p

Th – 8a-1p and 6p-8p

Sat, Nov 18 – 10:00a - noon

20, 7:00 p.m. See page 1 for details.

Minerva Park Community

Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff thanked the Stanleys for donating topsoil to the Village. Signs have been ordered for upcoming events, and volunteers are needed for the Membership Drive. Candidates' Night was to be held October 11, and the Children's Halloween Party was scheduled for October 29. The MPCA has been discussing a fundraiser – selling note cards depicting scenes of Minerva Park drawn by Ray Beougher that were sold many years ago by the Women's Club. They hope to have packets ready to be sold at the Carriage Ride event.

Northland Community Council:

Representative Karen Cogley reported that Bill Lhota made a presentation about Issue 7 to the NCC Board, which then passed a motion of support. Winners of the landscaping boxes on 161 were announced. ODOT has eliminated a left turn lane at Strawberry Farms.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing to add to the MPCA report.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling \$71,461.23. He also asked and received approval for a Then & Now PO for the 2006 Street Project totaling \$15,000. Councilman Rigg thanked Clerk-Treasurer Coulter for all of her work on the analysis of the Village's financial state.

Legislation: Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the Council to consider the following legislation:

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

Resolution 2006-15: Authorizing the Mayor and 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. Second reading accepted.

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

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

Resolution 2006-18: Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2006-19: Authorizing the Mayor and 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. Second reading accepted.

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

Resolution 2006-22: Amending the Annual Appropriations for the General Fund during the fiscal year ending December 31. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-23: Endorsing COTA's Issue 7. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed with a vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Chuck Gibson will be scheduling a meeting with Chief Hillard and Chief Hoehstetter and his committee members.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked for and received acceptance from the Council of the leaf pick-up proposal from Tim Rannebarger for \$20,625, the only proposal received by the Village. She then reported on the October 3 meeting with ODNR, which has two requirements concerning the dam—increased ability of the spillway to offload water more effectively and removal of trees on the dam. In summary, the Village has two options, both of which could prove quite costly: (1) increase the spillway's ability to off-load water and remove the trees (meeting ODNR's policy of

prohibiting trees on earthen dams), or (2) position the Village so it no longer falls under ODNR's scrutiny. This would mean lowering the dam's path by eight feet, thereby holding back less water and making off-loading water no longer an issue. We would lose many of the trees in the process, but, outside of ODNR's scrutiny, we could plant new trees, replacing what we've lost. Lowering the path by eight feet, however, would deplete the lakes, basically turning them into ponds. The Village is currently reviewing two proposals for dam safety/ engineering studies to meet ODNR's deadline of May 2007 to produce a plan. We will keep you informed.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg had nothing to add to the Engineer's report.

New Business: The Council designated Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as Beggars Night.

The November Council meeting was moved to Monday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. because two Council members would be out of town on November 13. •



Villagers

Welcome
Our New
Neighbors!

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**Melissa Daye & Crystal
Morris, 2811 Lakewood Dr.,
395-6509, from Gahanna**

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

Medic 119 ... Where are you?

September 2006

In September, Medic 119 made 35 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park; 19 patients were transported to hospitals.

22 members volunteered a total of 497 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,572. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tina Quinn** (71 hours), **Katie McDonald** (43 hours), and **Brian Horston** (41 hours).



Clerk-Treasurer's Report

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

August 2006

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

September 2006

Beg balance general fund	\$312,055.56
Revenue collected	51,880.84
Expenses	(66,445.06)
Ending balance	\$297,491.34



Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are November 1 & 14 - 5:30p.

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

September 2006

Complete payments - 19	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 95.00
Village General Fund	3,147.25
Remitted to the State	471.00
Total Court Receipts	\$3,618.25

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 Fridays. We need at least 5 girls and one

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Minerva Park's Ballot

Below is a representation of the ballot you'll see at the polls this election.
You may make your selections on this sheet and take it with you to the polls.

Governor & Lt Gov

- Kenneth Blackwell & Thomas Raga - R
- Robert Fitrakis & Anita Rios
- Bill Peirce & Mark Noble
- Ted Strickland & Lee Fisher - D

Attorney General

- Mark Dann - D
- Betty Montgomery - R

Auditor of State

- Barbara Sykes - D
- Mary Taylor - R

Secretary of State

- Jennifer Brunner - D
- John Eastman
- Greg Hartmann - R
- Timothy Kettler

Treasurer of State

- Richard Cordray - D
- Sandra O'Brien - R

U.S. Senator

- Sherrod Brown - D
- Mike DeWine - R

U.S. Representative

- Bob Shamansky - D
- Pat Tiberi - R

State Senator

- David Goodman - R
- Emily Kreider - D

State Representative

- Kevin Bacon - R
- Dean Hernandez - D

County Commissioner

- Marilyn Brown - D
- Dewey Stokes - R

County Auditor

- Albert Donahey - D
- Joe Testa - R

Justice Supreme Court

- Terrence O'Donnell - R
- William Michael O'Neill - D

Justice Supreme Court

- Robert Cupp - R
- Ben Espy - D

Judge Court of Appeals

- Alan Travis - R
- Gary Tyack - D

Judge Court of Appeals

- Peggy Bryant - D

Judge Common Pleas

- Guy Reece - R

Judge Common Pleas

- Charles Bendig - D
- David Cain - R

Judge Common Pleas

- John Bessey - R
- Tomi Lynn Dorris - D

Judge Common Pleas

- Charles Schneider - R

Judge Common Pleas

- Stephen McIntosh - D
- Angela White - R

Judge Common Pleas

- Tim Horton - D
- Gregory Peterson - R

Judge Common Pleas

- Francis Macke - D
- Pat Sheeran - R

Judge Common Pleas

- Colleen Briscoe - R
- Elizabeth Gill - D

Judge Common Pleas

- Jim Mason - R
- Jay Perez - D

Judge Common Pleas

- Chris Geer - R
- Carole Squire - D

#78 Replacement Tax - Village of Minerva Park

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Minerva Park for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 3.2 mills for each \$1 of valuation, which amounts to \$0.32 for each \$100 of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2006, and first due in calendar year 2007.

- for the tax levy
- against the tax levy

Caveat Emptor - This recap is provided here so you can become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls.

MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then GO VOTE!

*The full texts and FOR & AGAINST opinions are available from the Secretary of State's website,
<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/ElectionsVoter/CurrentElection.aspx?Section=1768>.

#1 Constitutional Amend

Workers' Compensation -

Submitted by Referendum Petition

- Changes procedures for determining the amount of comp that may be received for wage loss or permanent total disability.
- Allows workers' comp and benefits to be awarded to a victim of sexual assault at the workplace.
- Prohibits certain prisoners from receiving workers' comp and benefits while confined to a county jail and designates the Bureau of Workers' Comp Special Investigation Department a criminal justice agency.
- Exempts the addresses and phone numbers of workers receiving workers' comp and benefits from Ohio's Public Records Law and from public access, except to journalists.
- Allows employment in a sheltered workshop for injured workers with traumatic brain injuries even if a worker is receiving workers' comp and benefits.
- Requires that workers demonstrate "substantial aggravation" of a pre-existing condition by certain objective criteria before workers' comp and benefits may be awarded, specifies eligibility qualifications for permanent total disability comp, and reduces the time frame for which claims may be brought.
- Improves the ability to settle workers' comp claims under certain conditions, voids certain settlement agreements upon death, increases amounts available on specified attorneys' fees and changes rules of procedure related to certain appeals.
- Prevents the Workers' Comp Oversight Commission from setting a different policy than requirements outlined in Ohio law regarding who may serve as investment managers.
- Allows self-insuring employers to pay comp and benefits directly under certain conditions.

Shall the proposed sections of law be approved?

- Yes
 No

#2 Constitutional Amend

Minimum Wage -

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Every employer shall pay their employees a wage rate of not less than six dollars and eighty-five cents per hour beginning January 1, 2007. On the thirtieth day of each September, beginning in 2007, this state minimum wage rate shall be increased effective the first day of the following January by the rate of inflation for the twelve month period prior to that September according to the consumer price index or its successor index for all urban wage earners and clerical workers

for all items as calculated by the federal government rounded to the nearest five cents.... Laws may be passed to implement its provisions and create additional remedies, increase the minimum wage rate and extend the coverage... Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

- Yes
 No

#3 Constitutional Amend

Gambling & College Scholarships - Proposed by Initiative Petition

- Permit up to 31,500 slot machines at seven horse racing tracks and at two Cleveland non-track locations.
- Permit expanded gaming in the four Cuyahoga County locations if approved by the county's voters.
- Distribute the revenues as follows:
 - 55% to the slot and casino owners and operators.
 - 30% to the Board of Regents for college scholarships and grants to eligible students and administration of the program.
 - The remaining revenues to be divided among local governments, race tracks for purse money, gambling addiction services, and
 - The administration of the Gaming Integrity Commission comprised of five members appointed by the governor and the majority legislative leaders.
- The moneys provided by this amendment are to supplement and not supplant existing and future constitutional obligations to post-secondary education and local governments.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

- Yes
 No

#4 Constitutional Amend

Restrict Smoking - Smoke Less - Proposed by Initiative Petition

This proposed amendment would prohibit smoking in enclosed areas except tobacco stores, private residences or nonpublic facilities, separate smoking areas in restaurants, most bars, bingo and bowling facilities, separated areas of hotels and nursing homes, and race tracks. The amendment would invalidate retroactively any ordinance or local law in effect, and would prohibit the future adoption of any ordinance or local law to the extent such ordinance or law prohibited smoking or tobacco products in anyplace exempted by the amendment.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

- Yes
 No

#5 Proposed Law

Prohibit Smoking - Smoke Free - Proposed by Initiative Petition

- Prohibit smoking in public places and places of employment;
- Exempt from the smoking restrictions certain locations, including private residences (except during the hours that the residence operates as a place of business involving non-residents of the private residence), designated smoking rooms in hotels, motels, and other lodging facilities; designated smoking areas for nursing home residents; retail tobacco stores, outdoor patios, private clubs, and family-owned and operated places of business;
- Authorize a uniform statewide minimum standard to protect workers and the public from secondhand tobacco smoke;
- Allow for the declaration of an establishment, facility, or outdoor area as nonsmoking;
- Require the posting of "No Smoking" signs, and the removal of all ashtrays and similar receptacles from any area where smoking is prohibited;
- Specify the duties of the department of health to enforce the smoking restrictions
- Create in the state treasury the "smoke free indoor air fund;"
- Provide for the enforcement of the smoking restrictions and for the imposition of civil fines upon anyone who violates the smoking restrictions.

Shall the proposed law be adopted?

- Yes
 No

#7 Proposed Tax COTA

Shall a sales and use tax be levied for the purpose of increasing transportation service for the district, including increasing service to people with disabilities, purchasing buses and equipment to upgrade service, and all other transit purposes of the Central Ohio Transit Authority at a rate not exceeding one-fourth of one percent (¼%) for a period of ten years?

- Yes
 No

To get a true understanding of the impact of these issues, read official FOR & AGAINST arguments, available on the Secretary of State's website, <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/ElectionsVoter/CurrentElection.aspx?Section=1768>.



**Minerva Park
Police**

- September** - MP Police Officers made 18 misdemeanor arrests; 13 were transported to the Franklin County jail.
- 9-2 11:17p, stolen vehicle recovered in 2800 blk Alder Vista
 - 9-2 3:07p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
 - 9-5 12:38a, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview, false alarm
 - 9-5 6:16p, Storage Inns, 5199 Westerville Rd., aggravated robbery of the business and manager
 - 9-5 8:46a, 2500 blk Woodley, criminal damaging and theft reported
 - 9-7 2:48p, Gordon Foods, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft on 9-4 reported
 - 9-12 .. 9:43p, 2700 blk Lakewood, aggravated menacing and trespassing
 - 9-13 .. 11:00a, 2600 blk Jordan Road, phone harassment
 - 9-14 .. 8:30p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., domestic violence
 - 9-19 .. 8:50p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, domestic dispute
 - 9-21 .. 3:08p, 2500 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm
 - 9-21 .. 12:13a, Multi-Fund, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
 - 9-22 .. 2600 blk Wildwood, telephone harassment, criminal trespass, criminal mischief & menacing on 9-17 reported
 - 9-25 .. 11:45a, 2800 blk Lakewood, theft reported
 - 9-26 .. 2:35p, 5000 blk Maplewood, resident died of natural causes
 - 9-27 .. 4:52p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
 - 9-29 .. 6:13p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
 - 9-29 .. 4:45p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., false alarm
 - 9-29 .. 6:08p, 2500 blk Wildwood, false alarm •



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What is my main drain? Where is it located?

Your main drain is the drain taking sewage from your home into the city sewer. All your toilets, sinks, laundry, showers, tubs, etc., flow into this line.

My drains are flowing perfect! Why do I need this service?

Most homeowners' drains flow perfect at any given time. If you have trees or have neighbors with trees, there is an excellent possibility you have roots growing in your main line. Roots get in through hairline cracks in the joints of your drain tile. If roots are not cut out, they grow to the point where they block (and can potentially collapse) your drain line. If the main line collapses, you can be looking at \$8,000-\$10,000 to replace it. At the point they block it, you will have raw sewage in your home. Even the big companies will come out for \$179 an hour (somehow it rarely takes them under several hours) to clean a plugged drain.

Why should I spend money to have this done when my main drain is running perfect?

When your main drain backs up, having it unplugged is the cheapest part of the problem. If it happens while you are at work, out, sleeping, or on vacation, the raw sewage quickly destroys carpets, finished basements, furniture, etc. Mold forms on the walls, and the smell becomes unbearable. What is a very inexpensive and simple

treatment when done proactively. If ignored, it turns into a nightmare. The first sign of back-up is normally the stench, then there usually is damage.

Who needs this done? When is the time to have it done?

Any homeowner who has not had their main drain line professionally cleaned with a power snake in the past 12 months and who has trees within 500 feet should have this done now. The time to have your line cleaned thoroughly is BEFORE it backs up. It's a terrible situation when the plumbing goes down, the bathrooms can't be used, and the smell of raw sewage permeates the house. Now is the absolute best time to have this done - you want your lines free of roots for the holidays. This way you can rest easy and know your lines will be free of roots and not back up.

When is a bad time to have this done?

Anytime the drain backs up is the wrong time. At that time you are not just paying to have roots cleaned out - you are often replacing carpets, removing mold, replacing furniture, etc.

What is the procedure you follow?

We insert our power snake (which weighs 208 lbs.) with a root cutter into your main drain line clean-out (normally found in the basement or yard if on a slab). We cut roots all the way out to the sewer while flushing your line with water. We then repeat the procedure until the snake comes back "clean." Our price is a flat fee - we do not charge extra regardless of time. We then offer a free safety inspection on the rest of your plumbing.

Why can't I do this service myself?

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