

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## 2006 in Review

In addition to monthly reports presented in the "Villager," Mayor Eisentrout has requested that the various Village departments provide annual wrap-ups. Here is a summary of 2006 ...

### Police Department

By Chief Bobbie Hillard ... The Village acquired a used cruiser at a total cost of \$16,000, including automobile and police outfitting. The bulletproof vests available through a Homeland Security grant that was pending in 2005 were reclassified to standard issue equipment, making them ineligible for grant funding, so the Village had to purchase them outright. The 8 vests for all full-time officers totalled \$5,598.12, replacing vests that were more than 10 years old.

Community Service - (a) Sergeant Adam Beach received special recognition from the Franklin County DUI Task Force for his continued work against drunk driving and for presenting a safety belt program to 3rd-graders at Hawthorne Elementary School. (b) The Police Department as a whole received an Award of Excellence from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for its continued work in keeping our roadways clear of drunk drivers. (c) Once again, Lt. Rex Waldenmyer (in collaboration with Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter)

spearheaded the Cops for Kids Christmas toy drive. Your generous donations went to grateful children at an elementary school on the west side of Columbus. They enjoyed the presents and benefitted from a positive contact with law enforcement.

Collaborative efforts with area agencies help keep our Village safe. Our 2006 statistics are as follows:

Dispatched runs .....	1,011
Nondispatched runs .....	472
Assist area agencies .....	404
Misdemeanor arrests .....	219
Felony arrests .....	26
9-1-1 calls .....	38
Animal Complaints .....	19
Assaults .....	10
Auto Thefts .....	2
Breaking & entering false alarm .....	23
Breaking & entering .....	7
Burglaries .....	7
Burglary in progress false alarm .....	30
Criminal damaging .....	6
Criminal mischief .....	1
Deaths .....	6
Domestic disputes or violence .....	13
Menacing .....	3
Missing people .....	3
Motorist assists .....	49
Passing bad checks .....	1
Receiving stolen property .....	2
Robberies .....	1
Sex offenses .....	2
Stolen vehicle recoveries .....	5
Suicide attempts .....	4
Suspicious vehicles .....	108

Suspicious people .....	187
Telephone harassment .....	4
Thefts .....	34
Traffic citations .....	1,025
Traffic warning citations .....	20
Trespassing .....	6
Vandalism .....	3

### Fire Department - EMS

By Chief Rick Hoehstetter ... The Fire Department had a good year. The Personnel Officers (Lt. Tim Lockard & Coordinator Dave Green) recruited and trained 14 new members this year. The Training staff (Tina Quinn & Jon Packer) oversaw improvements to our standing medical orders (protocols) that brought us into compliance with the recently updated American Heart Association cardiac guidelines, added more resources to address serious asthmatic conditions, and proctored a training and testing program for all members. Vehicle Lieutenant Mike Ostrander kept the medic unit running perfectly, and with the

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### FEBRUARY DATES

1 (7:30p) .....	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>
12 (7p) .....	<b>Council Meeting</b>
14 (7:30p) .....	<b>MPCA Meeting</b>
14 (5p) .....	<b>Villager Deadline</b>

## MPCA News

# MPCA Festival of Lights Winners

Thanks to all the decorators who made Minerva Park beautiful this holiday season. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery.

*By Natalie & Greg Wittmann*



**Best Outdoor Tree**  
**Janet & Jeffrey Kohn**  
**5150 Lakeland Court**

Huge evergreen covered in multicolored lights. Decorators deserve special appreciation for the bravery required to get lights on a tree this tall.

**Runner Up**  
**Lou Cavallari**

**2585 Minerva Lake Road**

Large white pine adorned in multicolored lights; Santa, sleigh, and reindeer at the base of this gorgeous evergreen.



**Best Entrance Way**  
**Norman & Minda Li**  
**2785 Park Lane Drive**

Elegant red, green, and white lights and wreaths decorated a beautiful entranceway.

**Runner Up**  
**Ilda & John Blateri**  
**5332 E. Shore Drive**

Red flowers and evergreen swag on front door with greenery garland framing entranceway.



**Best Religious Theme**  
**Nancy & Harry Toy**  
**2802 Wildwood Rd.**

Wood cutout of "Joy" with manger scene; beautiful lights framed the house.

**Runner Up**  
**Mary & Edward Shringer**  
**2620 Wildwood Rd.**

Two jeweled angels, outlined in different colored lights and blowing golden horns, one with gently moving wings.



**Best Whimsical Display**  
**Connie & Robert Price**  
**2711 Minerva Lake Rd.**

Something for everyone at this home - dancing snowmen, candy canes, twinkling trees, baby Jesus, reindeer, toy soldiers.

**Runner Up**  
**Yvonne & Bill Giammarco**  
**2736 Wildwood Rd.**

Lots of moving parts in this action-packed yard, including a snowman tipping his hat and presents that opened and closed.



**Best Outline Effect**  
**JoAnn Steigerwald**  
**2584 Lakewood**

White garlands of lights trimmed this gingerbread house; candy canes and deer completed the picture.

**Runner Up**  
**Karen & David Rhoades**  
**2552 Wildwood Rd.**

Icicles trimmed the house, and candy canes outlined the walkway; green spotlights illuminated this home.

Because this year's winners are not eligible to win next year, we invite the first place winners to be judges next year, but anyone is welcome to judge. We especially love to see intergenerational involvement, so you younger folks get involved! If you would like to help judge the 2007 Festival of Lights contest, please contact **Natalie or Greg Wittmann** at 523-2178. •

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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



I noticed on Martin Luther King Day that some residents had not put their trash at the curbs for pick-up. Fortunately, later that week our trash hauler had a truck in Blendon Township that came back through the Village to pick up missed trash. Local Waste Services (409-9375) is contracted to begin pick-up at 7:30 a.m. each Monday. Only **the following holidays are observed for trash pick-up:**

New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. That means if one of these holidays is a Monday, the trash pick-up is delayed until Tuesday. This information is also on the bottom of page 1 in the Minerva Park Resident Directory. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our trash and yard waste collection or curbside recycling program, please call or email me (leisentrout1@aol.com) or any Council member.

**Golf Course:** There is nothing new to report from either the property owner or the developer.

**Gypsy Moth Spraying:** I have received word from the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) that they have completed their egg mass survey and concluded that egg mass counts are high enough on the south side of the Village, about 83 acres, to warrant a

treatment this spring. Our cost will be \$9 per acre, totaling \$747. I have confirmed our willingness to participate in the 2007 Gypsy Moth Spray Suppression Program, and the Council has approved the expenditure. If you would like more information, there will be an open house on Monday, March 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Building, similar to the one held last

## Public Hearing

Planning & Zoning variance request ... by Carlton Slight, to construct a 10'x10' storage shed at 2722 Minerva Lake Road.  
**February 12, 7:00 p.m.**

year. ODA representatives will discuss the chemical to be used (Dimlin instead of Btk) and answer any questions you may have.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held January 11, 2007. The January Council meeting is an organizational meeting when the Council President is elected by the sitting Council members and the committees are assigned by the Mayor. Pam Park-Curry was unanimously reelected as President of Council. The following are the committee assignments for 2007:

**Community** - Chair Todd Walter and members Don Champney & Jeff Rigg

**Finance** - Chair Don Champney Chairman and members Chuck Gibson & Pam Park-Curry

**Legislative** - Chair Pam Park-Curry and members Sharon Bierman & Chuck Gibson

**Safety** - Chair Chuck Gibson

and members Sharon Bierman & Todd Walter

**Service** - Chair Sharon Bierman and members Pam Park-Curry & Jeff Rigg

**Streets** - Chair Jeff Rigg and members Don Champney & Todd Walter

**Guest Speaker** - Kim Keefer from the engineering firm of EMH&T spoke about storm water run-off requirements in general, the OEPA-mandated storm water requirements to the City of Columbus and how this would impact satellite communities including Minerva Park, the Clean Water Act, and past studies and repairs of our waterlines.

The following departmental reports were made:

**Police:** Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed his monthly report. On behalf of the Village, he accepted a plaque from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for outstanding work by the MP Police Department for ongoing efforts to deter drunk driving. Chief Hillard and the Mayor met with State Representative Kevin Bacon to discuss House Bill 669, which permits municipalities to enforce traffic laws on any street immediately adjacent to that municipality and fee distribution from fines. Chief Hillard is working on a grant application to be submitted to Homeland Security for radios. This does not require any matching funds from the Village.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. He received a letter from the Columbia Gas Company requesting identification of natural gas or Columbia Gas transmission

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

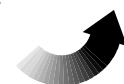
M - 8a-1p and 4p-6p

Tu - 4p-6p

W, F - 8a-noon

Th - 6p-8p

Sat, Feb 10 - 10a-noon



lines marked with orange caps. He listed the following items that need to be replaced and can no longer be repaired: replacing the Lifepak 10 - \$15,000; telephones - \$3,000; and truck radios - \$3,000.

**Planning & Zoning:** A variance request for a shed that was to be heard by the Council was tabled. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his list of violations and the progress being made to resolve them.

**Engineer:** Mike Flickinger had nothing to report.

**Legal:** Law Director Gene Hollins reported that Mayor's Court is going well. The police officers and Court Bailiff Corporal Jim Boyers are qualified to obtain LEADS reports, which are included

## Open House - Gypsy Moths

Monday, March 5  
6:00p to 8:00p

Learn more from the Ohio Department of Agriculture about MP's 2007 Gypsy Moth Spray Suppression Program.

in the docket packets. This expedites processing people through the court, and less cases are sent to Franklin County Municipal Court. Those defendants who request a jury trial downtown or who require an interpreter are still transferred. The Mayor would like to re-visit the court cost fees because there have been no increases in our fees in at least ten years. This can be done either administratively or legislatively. We currently charge \$35 for court costs, \$5 of which are contributed to the Computer Fund. An increase in MP's court fees will help cover rising

administrative costs, resulting in a higher dollar amount being transferred to the Computer Fund.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Councilman Todd Walter reported that approximately 25 children attended the Christmas Party, overall MPCA membership is at 64%, the Carriage Ride event was very successful, the pool committee met and tentatively scheduled upcoming events for the 2007 season (discount pool membership sales in early April, a Wine & Cheese Party, a Teen Dance, a Volunteer Recognition Night in late August, combining Founders Day with a Corn Roast, and 50/50 Drawing in late July/early August). The MP historical note cards are for sale - see article on page 9.

**Northland Community Council:** The Mayor reported for Karen Cogley. The NCC continues to work with the City of Columbus to improve code enforcement in the northland area. Legislation appears to be in place but needs to be implemented. Dave Roseman from the City of Columbus Bikeways Advisory Committee reported on bikeways developed in the area designated as Greenways Trails. This committee is looking for suggestions for east-west trails. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for February 23 at Monaco's Palace.

The following committee reports were made:

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

**Finance:** Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval for payment of the warrants totaling \$232,204. There was a Finance Committee meeting held January 9 to discuss various items to be written into the Revised 2007 Budget: Purchasing a LifePak 12 (\$15,000), radios (\$3,000), and telephones (\$3,000) for the EMS Department and a stipend for

reimbursing Medics in the EMS Department for their expenses (\$6,000/year), engineering fees for the Dam Renovation Project (\$38,000), repairs to the leaf machine in 2007 (\$3,000), and matching funds for the NatureWorks Grant application for pool repairs (\$17,250).

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

**Resolution 2007-01 -** Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Lisa A. Pride for the auditing services of the BMV records for January-December 2006 and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Resolution 2007-02 -** Accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary Tax Levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

**Resolution 2007-03 -** Authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the NatureWorks Grant Program for funding to repair and improve the Minerva Park swimming pool, as an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Resolution 2007-04 -** Amending the appropriations for the General Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 and to suspend the rules. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Safety:** Councilman Chuck Gibson asked Chief Hoehstetter to convey the appreciation of the Village Council to his volunteers for their dedication to the Village.

**Service:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported on the dam project. We have an estimate for a Class I dam and will need a breakdown of tasks and costs associated with them.



**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg asked the Engineer about an expedited timeline for completing the punch list for the 2006 Street Project. The Mayor reminded the Streets Committee and the Engineer that packets will be ready in June for the next round of funding from OPWC for the 2007 Street Repair Project. The Council should have a meeting in April or May to determine which streets need the most immediate attention. •

## CPR & First Aid Courses

Newly revised for 2006, American Red Cross Workplace CPR and First Aid courses will be offered in two sessions, starting at 6:00p and ending no later than 10:00p at the Minerva Park Community Center.

**Session 1**

February 28 (CPR) & March 7 (First Aid)

**Session 2**

April 10 (CPR) & April 12 (First Aid)

All previously certified individuals will need to retake both courses to recertify. Certification lasts one year for CPR and three years for First Aid.

Sign up for one or both classes within a session. Cost for both CPR and First Aid in a session is \$35, and for a single course \$25. Costs cover insurance, participant material/rental costs, and Red Cross fees. Participants should be able to kneel/sit on the floor, complete all skills, and pass written tests to obtain certification. Participants should be Minerva Park residents, members of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, or Girl Scouts.

Contact Jennifer Thurmond at [wwaterjen@yahoo.com](mailto:wwaterjen@yahoo.com) or at 890-6269 to register. •



**December** - MP Police Officers made 11 misdemeanor arrests; 10 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 12-1 ..5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., theft between Apr 1 and Dec 1 reported
- 12-3 .. 12:28a, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic violence & assault
- 12-4 .. 1:31p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Dr., report of possession of drugs & drug trafficking
- 12-6 ..2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal damaging between Nov 20 and Dec 6 reported
- 12-6 ..8:58p, 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic violence, assault, unlawful restraint
- 12-7 ..7:15a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., death due to natural causes
- 12-8 ..4:38p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 12-18 . 12:14a, Hawthorne Elementary, false alarm

- 12-19 . 6:37a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 12-21 . 8:35a, 5200 blk E. Shore Drive, missing person
- 12-22 . 3:30p, 2800 blk Maplewood Dr., theft
- 12-30 . 10:35a, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., death due to natural causes
- 12-30 . 4:24p, Blessed and Dressed, 5428 Cleveland Ave., false alarm •



Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are February 6 & 20 - 5:30p.

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

**December 2006**

Complete payments - 21	
Village Computer Fund .....	\$ 105.00
Village General Fund .....	2,113.00
Remitted to the State .....	420.00
Total Court Receipts .....	\$2,638.00



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addition in late 2006 of a new garage door opener, we haven't had any more mishaps between the top of the vehicle and the bottom of the garage door. Communications Lieutenant Kal Dworkin started work on the bidding process for a telephone system to replace the existing, nonfunctional one. The Continuous Quality Improvement officers (Lt. Wayne Miller & Coordinator John Rains) kept ahead of the run reports, ensuring that our field treatment was consistent with our protocols. All of these efforts and the day-to-day, unremarkable operations helped us maintain an advanced life support service that has been and can be compared favorably to the paid services that surround us.

EMS members volunteered a total of 5,622 hours in 2006. The top volunteers by hours served are: Tina Quinn (847), Brian Horton (432), Heather Vekasy (431), Craig Phillips (363), Aubrey Dudra (314), and Tim Lockard (303). Beyond the duty hours served, I wish to recognize the officers for all of the hours they put in to keep this station running smoothly.

We responded to 393 emergency calls in 2006, which was a bit lower than 2005. The decline is largely due to a change in crew configuration to comply with Columbus mandates that two medics must be on each shift instead of only one.

Also new in 2006, 19 members were recognized by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Created in 2003 by a presidential decree, the President's Volunteer Service Award Program recognizes individuals who have contributed volunteer talents to civic programs. The Bronze Award recognizes contributions of up to

250 volunteer hours over the past three years. Nine of MP's members were recognized in this category: Jarred Speakman, Jason Sutermaster, Juanita Smith, Michael Ostrander, Norman Jones, Paula Inskeep, Thomas McClannahan, Tony Williams, and Thomas Balliet. The Silver Award recognizes up to 500 volunteer hours. Recognized at this level were Brian Horton, Craig Phillips, David Green, Heather Vekasy, and Timothy Lockard. The Gold Award recognizes more than 500 volunteer hours and was given to Abrey Dudra. And the Lifetime Achievement Award is given to volunteers who have given more than 4,000 hours, as President Bush challenged the nation in 2003 to give to their neighbors, communities, and nation through service. Tina Quinn, Wayne Miller, and I were recognized. The Department owes its gratitude to Craig Phillips for this impressive effort.

By my taking the Drug-Free Solutions' Train-the-Trainer course in November 2005, I was able to provide, in 2006, the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Drug-Free Workplace training to all "employees" of the Village, defined by OBWC as "all staff" (paid or volunteer), and I offered this course several times to MP staff during 2006. My holding this training permits the Village to participate in OBWC's Drug-Free Workplace Program, saving the Village a significant percentage of its annual worker's compensation premium (estimated at \$30,000 in 2006). I also attended the Drug-Free Solutions' update to that program and am prepared to provide the Drug-Free Workplace training to Village employees in 2007 also.

We were able to move \$5,000 unspent current capital into the

Vehicle Replacement Fund in 2006. With the \$25,000 not spent in 2005 to update the medic vehicle, \$30,000 is already set aside in anticipation of replacing the current vehicle when the time comes, which we hope won't happen for many years.

The officers and members of the Fire Department are proud to serve Minerva Park and appreciate all of the support of the Mayor, the Council, and residents. It's a good place to work!

**Mayor's Court**

By Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts ... The public is invited to attend Mayor's Court, held on every other Tuesday at 5:30p. The 2006 statistics are as follows:

# of Court Cases .....	458
Total Receipts .....	\$46,493.75
Paid to the State .....	\$6,037.50
To MP Computer Fund .....	\$1,350.00
To MP General Fund .....	\$39,035.75

**Zoning**

By Arlene Stuart, Zoning Clerk ... Fences topped the list for the most requested permits, followed by building permits (room additions, decks, porches). We had several sign permits requested for businesses on Cleveland Avenue. In 2006, we had ...

19 Permits .....	\$625
Building .....	3
Fences .....	3
Home Businesses .....	3
Plumbing .....	3
Signs .....	4
Sheds .....	1
Electrical .....	2
2 Variances .....	\$50

One variance request (excessive commercial vehicles & equipment) was denied (one variance remains pending in 2007).

Please download zoning forms from <http://www.minervapark.org/zoning/forms.htm>.

**Zoning Violations**

By Dick Busick, Code Enforcement Officer ... Code enforcement efforts in Minerva Park continue as we try to improve our residential environment. At the start of 2006, we had 27 locations that were not in conformance with our Zoning Code. By the end of 2006, we had reduced that inventory to 15, a 40% improvement or double the percentage improvement of the previous year. This significant improvement could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and understanding of our residents. During 2006, we resolved problems in 45 locations. Most of our unresolved cases are now in the miscellaneous category, which includes such items as poorly maintained houses and yards, but we continue to have problems with unlicensed cars and trucks and illegally parked trailers. Village Code Enforcement issued 43 violation letters and cited 12 cases into Mayor's Court for resolution. In some cases, the magistrate imposed fines as high as \$500.

Looking forward to 2007, we expect continued efforts in the proper regulation of home occupations and an emphasis on resolving house and yard maintenance issues so our Village continues to be a desirable place to live. You can help make our job easier by calling the Village offices when you are about to make home improvements or additions, including fences, sheds, and room additions.

The zoning violations summary for 2006 is as follows:

Unresolved at start of 2006 .....	27
Resolved in 2006 .....	45
Trash .....	2
Trucks - expired tags .....	6
Cars - expired tags .....	8
Trailers .....	6

Motorhomes & campers .....	1
Boats .....	1
Dumpsters .....	2
Signs .....	7
Weeds .....	3
Miscellaneous .....	9
Unresolved at end of 2006 .....	15
Trash .....	2
Trucks - expired tags .....	1
Cars - expired tags .....	3
Trailers .....	1
Fences .....	1
Dumpsters .....	1
Signs .....	1
Miscellaneous .....	5

**Clerk-Treasurer**

By Suzanne Coulter ... 2006 was a busy year in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, with a lot more to keep me busy in the Human Resources arena. Paperwork with health insurance and worker's compensation seemed to take up a lot of my time. The Village enrolled in three Bureau of Worker's Compensation programs for a safer workplace, to help hold down our premiums for 2007. This is good, but the programs entailed a lot of paperwork and time for us to be eligible to receive the premium discounts. The programs were the "Drug-Free Workplace," the "10-Step Business Plan," and the "Premium Discount Program." MP Fire Chief Rick Hoehstetter attended the Drug-Free Workplace "Train the Trainer" program so he can train the Village employees.

The Village's revenue was stronger this year, in part because of the income tax, which was \$254,439.83 for 2006. This income allowed the Village to stay in the black and end the year better than the \$127,901.14 in the previous year, the 2005 General Fund. It allowed us to do many great projects this year to better the Village. The Village's state funding remained flat in 2006, but we

understand that this funding will increase slightly in 2007 because of surpluses in the state budget. Property taxes remained the same except for increases in property value, which adds to the tax base. Thank you for supporting the income tax and getting your taxes filed and paid on time. This has been a great source of revenue while keeping our property taxes in check and giving our Senior Citizens a tax break.

The Police Department purchased a used vehicle in June, leaving just one more to be replaced. It also purchased much-needed and long-overdue bulletproof vests for the safety and protection of our officers (\$5,598.12 for 8 vests), replacing vests that were more than 10 years old.

As our streets continue to age, the Village is doing its best to keep up, making repairs where needed and replacing when we are awarded Ohio Public Works Commission funding to help with costs. A thorough street cleaning was done in the spring (\$1,998.72). The Village was able to patch pot holes (\$1,000) and mill & fill several areas that needed replacing. The OPWC provided a \$93,604.34 grant, and the Village portion was \$97,424.96.

The Village's trash contract (Local Waste) was up this year by \$13,500, totalling \$92,736, because of higher gas prices and dumping fees. The increase was even higher from the other two companies that bid on the project.

In the spring, the Village was sprayed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for a Gypsy Moth infestation that threatened our trees. This will most likely have to be done again in 2007. The costs were split – the ODA provided \$2,907.83, and the Village portion was \$2,907.83.

In May 2006, the not-for-profit Minerva Park Swim Club disbanded,

bringing the pool operations and accounting under the management of the Village. Pool Manager John Friedel stayed on and did a great job. Warm weather and the newly-formed Pool Committee helped make the summer profitable, with revenue of \$48,468.24 with expenses of \$47,354.01.

Debt service paid in 2006 totaled \$111,478.68, including four waterline replacement phases, the lake dredging bond, and the 2004 Minerva Lake Road reconstruction.

The Village was audited in autumn 2006 for 2004 and 2005, and the audit went very well, both for the MP Clerk-Treasurer's office and for the MP Clerk of Courts.

As Clerk-Treasurer, I continued my yearly training with the Auditor of the State of Ohio and was contracted by them to be a visiting clerk to other entities when not working at Minerva Park. I assist other treasurers all over the state and am often downtown at the State Auditor's office, working support phone lines for the accounting software that is provided by the state. In October, I attended a training seminar by the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation University. I continue investment training with the State Treasurer's Office to ensure continued success for Village investments.

As Clerk-Treasurer, I look forward to the challenges of 2007 and for the Village to do great things as we continue to monitor and wisely use your tax dollars. Thank you for your support in 2006. If you have any questions, please call or come in to the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

**Community Association**

By Bob Gale, MPCA President ... The MPCA continues to have steady membership of Village residents. As of December 2006, we had 65% of Village households

as dues-paying members. In 2006, the MPCA hosted more than 20 activities paid for by \$15 dues, advertising in The Villager and Resident Directory, the annual Garage Sale, and in-kind donations. Those activities included Garden Awards, Garden Tours, MinervaFlora beautification, Duck Award for Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Garage Sale, Children's Halloween Party, Greetings from the Sunshine Committee, Lake Clean-ups, Newcomers Committee welcome to new residents, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Founder's Day, Children's Christmas Party, Publicity Committee, Candidates Night, Northland Community Council participation, Resident Directory, Festival of Lights, Holiday Carriage Rides, Scholarships, Doggie Dip, and the Villager Newsletter.

The Duck Award was presented unanimously to Dianne Poncinie, editor of the Villager newsletter and chair of the Garage Sale.

As you can see, the MPCA was busy in 2006, and we expect to continue our activities at the same pace in 2007, but we need volunteers to do these activities. Currently, we have vacancies on the Garage Sale and Founders Day committees.

Many thanks go to current members of the MPCA board, including Sharon Bierman, Dick Busick, Tina Cates, Karen Cogley,

Suzanne Coulter, Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Gretchen Pershon, Dianne Poncinie, Kathy Ramey, Jeff & Nikki Rigg, and Todd Walter.

**The Mayor's Office**

By Mayor Lynn Eisentrout ... As you can see from the year-end reports, we have all been keeping quite busy.

We began the year with establishing a Residential Tax Increment Financing District by adopting a Minerva Park Economic Development Plan, establishing a Tax Incentive Review Council, and receiving the Westerville School District's support for the TIF District when the School Board passed a resolution authorizing its officials to sign the School Compensation Agreement. In February, the Planning & Zoning Board began discussions about drafting a Building & Maintenance Code and the existing Board of Nuisance Abatement's role in encouraging homeowners and commercial business owners to maintain their properties. The Council approved the expenditure for a first-time ever treatment of the entire Village for Gypsy Moths at a cost of \$2,907.83, our 50% of the cost-share provision agreed upon with the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Gypsy Moth Program.

In the spring, we contacted the

2006	Outside Funds	Village Monies
Police – 8 Bulletproof Vests	n/a	\$5,598
Village – Gypsy Moth Spraying	\$2,907.83 – Ohio Dept of Agriculture	\$2,907.83
Village – 2006 Street Project	\$93,604.34 – Ohio Public Works Commission	\$97,424.96
Village - Debt Service paid – including 4 waterline replacement phases, lake dredging bond, 2004 Minerva Lake Road reconstruction	n/a	\$111,478.68
Village - Trash Collection	n/a	\$92,736



project manager for the Marathon Pipeline Tree Trimming Project to obtain copies of the Right-of-Way Agreement and of the easements to monitor any impact on Minerva Park. Clerk-Treasurer Coulter and I met with the Ohio Public Works Commission Small Government Division's representative to discuss the 2006 Street Project and to review the OPWC packet. The Council began discussions of the mandated dam repair orders from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by gathering engineering proposals and scope of work estimates. The Minerva Park Swim Club Board members asked the Village government to assume the ownership and management of the pool. Several collaborative meetings followed between the Minerva Park Community Association, the Mayor, Village Council, and the Pool Board, a final General Meeting of the pool members to dissolve the Swim Club, and legislation was passed by the Council to allow the Village to assume ownership of the pool.

We received very positive publicity in the June 12 issue of the Columbus Dispatch regarding a report from the Ohio Attorney General's Office that listed the resident-to-police staff ratio ranking Minerva Park and Sharon Township highest in the state. I am still receiving glowing remarks and have seen some Realtors use that article as a tool to market our Village. Invariably it is a part of my conversations with potential buyers who want to speak to me about the Village before purchasing a home. The contract for the 2006 Street Project was awarded to Columbus Asphalt at a Special Council meeting held July 26 with the project to commence immediately. The pool ended the season with a slight profit due mostly to the great

weather and the tireless efforts of the MPCA Pool Committee. Block parties seemed to make a comeback. There were three this past summer that I am aware of that were well-attended and hopefully will be repeated this summer.

In the fall, we asked residents to approve a 3.2 Mill Replacement Levy, and we appreciate your overwhelming support. Minerva Lake Road resident Todd Walter was appointed at the September Council meeting to fill the vacancy left by Ron Yarano's resignation, and Todd has proven to be a welcome addition. A meeting was held in November to evaluate the pool's first season under the Village's management. Items discussed were events that were held and their success rate, the committee structure under the MPCA, staffing, marketing, the membership drive for 2007, pool expenses (\$47,354.01) and pool revenue (\$48,468.24), and any anticipated major repairs over the next several years. The possibility of seeking grant funding in 2007 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks and Land and Water Conservation Funds was also discussed.

We ended the year in better financial health than we had anticipated, in part, as indicated in the Clerk-Treasurer's report, to revenue collected from the income tax. I join her in thanking you for your promptness in filing and paying in a timely manner. Grant funding opportunities are shrinking, but we will continue to seek them out whenever possible.

In closing, 2006 was a pretty good year, and we accomplished quite a bit. I am very grateful for my fellow elected officials, wonderful staff, and the volunteers that make Minerva Park the peaceful oasis that we all enjoy so much. •

## Minerva Park Historic **Note Cards**

Old-timers will remember fondly the musings of resident Ray Beougher, long-time contributor to the Villager newsletter, with his "Town Pump" and "Hi, Neighbor" articles and drawings. His commentary and profiles of Village residents delighted Minerva Park for more than 10 years, before his passing in 1998. Even today, his nostalgic recollections are enjoyed with occasional reprints in the Villager. Celebrate the history of Minerva Park with this rare collection of Ray's sketches depicting life in Minerva Park in days gone by. Each packet contains 12 cards - 2 cards of 6 images each (with envelopes).



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**November 2006**

Beg balance general fund .....	\$254,405.13
Revenue collected .....	87,513.12
Expenses .....	(43,647.84)
Ending balance .....	\$210,539.85

**December 2006**

Beg balance general fund .....	\$210,539.85
Revenue collected .....	49,816.74
Expenses .....	(105,948.83)
Ending balance .....	\$130,435.72

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 MP residents, contact 899-3755 or [sbierman@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sbierman@columbus.rr.com) to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.

## MPCA Dues

MPCA Membership Chair Marilyn Herboltzheimer would like to thank the following 2006-2007 Membership Drive volunteers: Mark Abbott, Sharon Bierman, Tina Cates, Barbara Donley, Lynn Eisentrout, Donna Glenn, Peggy Hollenbeck, Scott & Lisa Keenan, Jim & Rella Kehl, Janet Kohn, Minda Li, Linda Natali, Jeff & Nicole Rigg, Amy Szlapak, Steve & Lisa Thitoff, Tillie Zak.

The MPCA also expresses a "special thank you" to the following residents for their additional donations: Jeanne Blair, Craig & Liane Buckingham, Victor Deppe, Dee Elsass, Kenneth & Peggy Hollenbeck, Ta Lynn, Richard & Janice McCreary, Greg & Jeanne McDevitt, Richard & Alice Paugh, Joy Rose, Emily Ross, JoAnn Steigerwald.

If you have not yet paid your 2007 Community Association dues (only \$15), please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455. •

## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### December 2006

In December, Medic 119 made 23 runs - 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 15 patients were transported to hospitals.

16 members volunteered a total of 185 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,622. Leading volunteers for the month were **John Rains** (26 hours), **Tim Lockard** (24 hours), and **Tina Quinn** (24 hours).

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