

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Click It or Ticket

It's that time of year again when the MP Police Department will support the Click It or Ticket initiative throughout the Village. This year, a new banner (at St. Rt. 161 & Farview Rd.) will be a drawing from a 3rd-grade student at Hawthorne Elementary!

Your MP Police Department teamed with Hawthorne School, with all 3rd-graders submitting their drawings for seat belt safety after receiving a seat belt safety class taught by Sgt. Adam Beach. The winner and the runner-up had their

pictures sent to the Ohio Department of Public Safety for the state competition. We anticipate that our young people at Hawthorne Elementary will bring us statewide recognition about our students and how they represent themselves for safety.

MP officers will continue to work with the OVI task force throughout Franklin County to cut down on drunk driving.

Remember - wear your seat belt and designate a driver when you have been imbibing!

## Council Vacancy

Our thanks to Councilman Chuck Gibson, who is moving out of state. See the Mayor's Report if you wish to apply for the vacant council seat.

Look for the MPCA Garage Sale Fundraiser in ...



## August

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

In recent years, attendance to the MP community garage sale has gone down, in part because of uncertain weather and competition with numerous other area garage sales. The poll taken last year indicated an interest in hosting MP's garage sale in the fall, so we'll try it this year. Details will be in later Villager issues. •

Free Breakfast & Free Lunch  
for workers

# Lake Clean-Up

May 19 - 8:00a

Free breakfast and lunch for workers. Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building.

If you can work at other times, too, call **Bob Gale at 882-8622.**



## Public Hearing

Monday  
June 11, 6:30p  
Zoning Amendment

### MAY DATES

- 3 (7:30p) ..... Planning & Zoning
- 7 (7:30p) ..... Council Meeting
- 16 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline
- 16 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 19 (8:00a) ..... Lake Clean-Up
- 19 (9:00a) ..... 161 Clean-Up

## MPCA News

### Street Reps Wanted

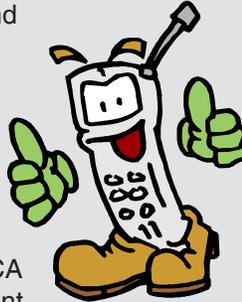
Your MP Community Association would like to revive the street representative idea from years past. Throughout the Village, each street will have representatives covering a certain number of houses, funneling information to and from the MPCA/Village and residents via phone or email. Notices of events, requests for volunteers, resident requests, concerns, and happenings could be included in this information.

If you have wanted to help your Village - even in a small way - this is it! Just make a few

phone calls or send a few emails a year for your Village. With phone and email, contacting residents can be quick and easy, and you can get to know your neighbors.

Call

**Lisa Craddock-Thitoff**, MPCA Vice President, at **891-2166** to sign up today and do your part for your community. •



## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### March 2007

In March, Medic 119 made 23 runs - 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to hospitals.

21 members volunteered a total of 414.4 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,306.5. Leading volunteers for the month were **Brian Horton** (49.3 hours), **Heather Vekasy** (48.8 hours), and **Tina Quinn** (41 hours).

### MP Runs

3-11 .... Ill Person

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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



The regular May Council meeting has been moved to Monday, May 7, at 7:00 pm because of scheduling conflicts.

**Vacancy on Council:** It was with great sadness that I accepted Councilman Chuck Gibson's letter of resignation. He has accepted a position as Director of the South Georgia Regional Library System in Valdosta GA. Chuck has contributed enormously in the short 18 months he has served on Council as Safety Chairman and as a member of the Finance and Legislative committees. We thank him for his service to our community and wish him success in his new endeavors.

The Village will be accepting applications through noon on Monday, June 4, at the Minerva Park Community Building from any resident interested in filling the vacancy created by Councilman Gibson's departure. Applications should include a resume and a narrative identifying issues facing the Village and proposals for addressing these issues. The Council will interview all candidates at the monthly work session, Saturday, June 9, at 8:00 am and vote to appoint at the regular Council meeting Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. If anyone has any questions about the duties and time commitments involved with

serving as a Council member, please do not hesitate to call me (office 882-5743; home 891-0895) or email me (mayor@minervapark.org) or contact any Council member.

There are three pieces of legislation that the Council has been deliberating on that I would like to call to your attention and would welcome your comments. See ordinances 01-2007, 02-2007, and 09-2007, below. To view all pending legislation in their entirety, please go to <http://www.minervapark.org/legislation.htm>.

**Lake Clean-up:** I would like to thank Andy Maslowski; Janet Kohn; Bob Gale; Lisa Craddock-Thitoff & Steve Thitoff; Tom Peterson; Dick Busick; John Rue; Suzanne, Todd, Kelsey, Shane, and Jerrod Coulter; and Faith Life Family Church members Robert and Ellen Simon, Nancy Thomas, Jack Mackay, Jim and Vicki Watkins, John Cascioli, Jim Walker, and Pastor Dan Cascioli ... for all of their hard work. A special thank you to Suzanne Coulter for coming through at the last minute with food for breakfast and lunch and to Tim Rannebarger for donating subs.

We scheduled another Lake Clean-up for Saturday, May 19, at 8:00 am, because we had such a poor turnout, did not have a dumpster, and need more work to remove trees, logs, and debris. I ask residents to volunteer a few hours on May 19 to help beautify our lakes and parklands that we all enjoy so much.

**Gypsy Moth Spraying:** As mentioned in earlier issues of the Villager, the south side of the Village will be sprayed sometime in May, date to be determined. Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of the weather.

**Dam Safety Study:** You may see

crews around the earthen dam, spillway, and shoreline this summer conducting a safety study mandated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Statewide mandates are in place that trees are not permitted on dams, and we are required to have a plan of action in place. For more information about this, please see the Engineer's report.

All Council members were present at the April Council meeting.

## May's Council Meeting

Monday  
May 7, 7:30p

## Public Hearing

Monday  
June 11, 6:30p  
Zoning Amendment

**Citizens' Comments:** A Minerva Lake Road resident asked for clarification of the ordinance establishing a Building and Maintenance Code and to have a clearer explanation of pending legislation in the Villager.

**Police:** Chief Bobbie Hillard was absent because of illness. His monthly report was distributed.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoehstetter discussed his monthly report.

**Engineer:** Mike Flickinger reported on the meeting he, Service Committee Chairwoman Sharon Bierman, and the Mayor would have with Joe Stock of Buckeye Engineering. Buckeye will be performing hydrologic and hydraulic studies to determine the dam's

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
Tu – 4p-6p  
W, F – 8a-noon  
Th – 6p-8p  
Sat, May 5 – 10a-noon



capacity and if any repairs are required to the spillway. Additionally, an Emergency Action Plan and an Operation Maintenance Plan to operate and maintain the dam and surrounding area will be drafted.

**Zoning:** Dick Busick reported that those members present at Planning & Zoning reviewed the ordinances establishing the Building & Maintenance and Portable Structures Codes and forwarded comments and corrections to Council. Council denied a variance request by Business Professionals of America for an additional sign.

#### **Minerva Park Community**

**Association:** Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the MinervaFlora clean-up was poorly attended - only two residents showed up. There were approximately 50 children at the Easter Egg Hunt; the Garage Sale has been scheduled for August; the 20% Discount Pool Membership Sign-up held April 15 was very successful with \$25,480 having been collected as of that date.

#### **Northland Community**

**Council:** Volunteers are needed for the 161 clean-up on May 19 from 9:00 am to noon. Paper shredding will once again be held on May 12, 10:00 am to noon, at the Huntington Building on Morse Road. Minerva Park needs a representative to attend the monthly NCC meetings held on the first Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at Friendship Village.

The following committee reports were made:

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

**Finance:** Councilman Don Champney asked the Council to approve warrants totaling \$60,712.18. He will have a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the final budget.

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

**Resolution 2007-07** - To establish the range for hourly pay for full-time police officers. Third reading accepted, passed as an emergency. (This is a pay range of \$20.01 to \$25.00 per hour.)

**Resolution 2007-09** - Authorizing the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Police Chief to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's office in their Operating a Vehicle while Under the Influence Task Force goals for the calendar year ending 12-31-07 by allowing the MP police officers to participate in DUI check points for the OVI Task Force. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-11** - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Integrated Support Services for in-touch retainer services for the year ending 12-31-07. Three readings waived & passed as an emergency.

**Resolution 2007-12** - Establishing a commercial account for the Village with Fifth Third Bank for commercial cards to certain Village employees approved by the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-13** - Adopting the operating budget for the fiscal year ending 12-31-08. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-14** - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a contract for general liability insurance. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-15** - Declaring a necessity for and submitting the question of a replacement tax levy. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-16** - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to request a certification and estimate of revenue from the Auditor's office for a 5 mill replacement levy. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-17** - To proceed with placing a 5 mill replacement tax

levy on the ballot. First reading accepted.

**Resolution 2007-18** - To levy an additional annual license tax on all motor vehicles in the Village of Minerva Park. First reading accepted.

**Ordinance 01-2007** - Adopting Chapter 1259 of the codified ordinances of Minerva Park regarding the Planned Commercial District. The purpose is to put a tool into the zoning code to enable us to negotiate for better than average commercial development if a nonresidential commercial developer chooses to develop or redevelop within the Village. Because this is an amendment to existing zoning code, we are required to have a Public Hearing ... one will be held on Monday, June 11, 6:30 pm at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. Second reading accepted.

**Ordinance 02-2007** - Adopting Chapter 1273 of the codified ordinances of the Village to establish a Building and Maintenance Code. Second reading accepted. The purpose is "to establish minimum standards governing the maintenance of all dwelling, commercial, and accessory structures in such condition as will not constitute blighting or a deteriorating influence on the neighborhood and the community, protect property values, and to maintain the character and appearance of the community, fix responsibilities for owners and occupants with respect to sanitation, repair, and maintenance, authorize the inspection of dwelling, commercial and accessory structures, establish enforcement procedures, authorize vacation or condemnation of dwelling, commercial and accessory structures found unsafe or unfit for human habitation."

**Ordinance 03-2007** - Repealing Ordinance 08-2004 and increasing

the salary of the Clerk-Treasurer . First reading accepted. (This is an increase of 3% over the past four years, resulting in a salary of \$15,000 to \$17,000 a year.)

Ordinance 04-2007 - Increasing the salary of the Mayor. First reading accepted. (This is an increase of 3% over the past four years, resulting in a salary of \$24,000 to \$27,000 a year.)

Ordinance 05-2007 - Establishing Pool Manager as a seasonal work position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 06-2007 - Establishing Assistant Pool Manager as a seasonal position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 07-2007 - Establishing Lifeguard as a seasonal work position

to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 08-2007 - Establishing Office Staff as a seasonal work position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 09-2007 - Adopting Section 1272.08, Portable Structures, of the codified ordinances of the Village. First reading accepted. The purpose of this ordinance is to define Portable Structures such as PODS, dumpsters, portable sanitary facilities, residential and non-residential structures, and their location and length of stay.

Ordinance 10-2007 - Establishing part-time paid paramedic as a position within the Minerva Park Fire Department. First reading accepted.

**Safety:** Councilman Chuck Gibson had nothing to report. Chief Hoehstetter thanked him for his support of the Fire Department.

**Service:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman had nothing further to report about the dam safety study.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that his committee met on April 7 to discuss the pothole and street repairs to be done this spring. He and the Engineer will prioritize the list and seek proposals from three companies.

**Old Business:** The Inskeep Project has not progressed, but the Mayor, Law Director, and Engineer will meet with the parties involved to discuss easements and storm and sanitary sewer issues.

**New Business:** A motion was made and passed to move the May Work Session to May 5 and the Council meeting to May 7. •



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Minerva Park  
**Police**

**March** - MP Police Officers made 7 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests; 7 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

3-6 ... 8:04p, 2700 blk Jordan Rd., phone harassment

3-19 . 2600 blk Maplewood Dr., theft and identify fraud between 2-6 and 3-1 reported

3-21 . Advance Pay USA, 5440 Cleveland Ave., theft and passing bad checks reported

3-22 . 8:14a, Sale Health Services, 2505 Woodley Rd., false alarm

3-26 . 5442 Cleveland Ave., criminal mischief between 5-23 and 6-25 reported

3-23 . 12:00p, 5444 Cleveland Ave., 2 counts of assault and aggravated menacing

2-28 . 2:37p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., false alarm •

 **Mayor's Court**

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 2, May 15, May 29 - 5:30p.

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

**March 2007**

Complete payments - 20	
Village Computer Fund .....	\$ 100
Village General Fund .....	3,570
Remitted to the State .....	430
Total Court Receipts .....	\$4,100



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*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).

**February 2007**

Beg balance general fund .....	\$100,357.45
Revenue collected .....	288,076.18
Expenses .....	(65,346.61)
Ending balance .....	\$323,087.02

**March 2007**

Beg balance general fund .....	\$323,087.02
Revenue collected .....	31,621.41
Expenses .....	(61,029.18)
Ending balance .....	\$293,679.25

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