

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wine & Cheese Evening

Saturday, July 12
9p-midnight • the Pool

MP adults are invited to attend another great Wine & Cheese Evening at the pool. BYOW to enjoy or share. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. \$5 per person charge. •

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Family Fun Night

Saturday, July 19
7-10p • the Pool

(Rescheduled from June 28) Good times for the whole family - bring the kids! Admission is only \$3. Food available for purchase. Don't miss the 10-foot ice cream sundae - always a favorite! •

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Public Hearing

Planning & Zoning variance request - June 21, 7:00p, at the Community Building. Variance requested by Ed Keesey, 2741 Minerva Lake Road, for a 10'x14' storage shed.

MPCA Membership Drive & Resident Directory

This year, the MPCA membership drive will run from August to mid-September. Please pay your \$15 MPCA dues promptly when volunteers stop by to collect and gather updated directory



information. The deadline for all updated directory info is September 15. •

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11th Annual FOUNDERS DAY

Saturday, July 26 — 5:00p to 8:00p
at the Pool

This event has become so popular, admittance must be limited to MP Community Association members, immediate family, and up to 4 guests per household. There is no charge to attend, but you must be a member of the MPCA to gain entrance - still only \$15/year per MP household. Membership forms will be available at the door. Checks preferred.



Join us for the largest social event of the year! MPCA members are invited to join the good times and

good food at the 11th Annual Founders Day celebration. Take a dip in the pool if you wish, but come enjoy the fun, children's games, good music, great food. Catering by the new Acme Hotdog & Sausage Company, located on Cleveland Avenue and owned by MP resident Mark Weilbacher. Contact Lisa Craddock-Thitoff (738-1612) to bring a dessert to share. You may bring chairs for additional seating. Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to volunteer for set-up and clean-up details. Meet your neighbors ... see you there!

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JULY DATES

- 4 (11a) 4th of July Parade
- 8 (4p) Mayor's Court
- 10 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 12 (9p-midnight) .. Wine & Cheese
- 14 (7p) Council Meeting
- 16 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 16 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 19 (7p-10p) Family Fun Night
- 21 (7p) Public Hearing
- 22 (4p) Mayor's Court
- 26 (5p-8p) Founders Day

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

May 2008

In May, Medic 119 made 21 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 11 patients were transported to hospitals.

19 members volunteered a total of 373.4 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,982.9.

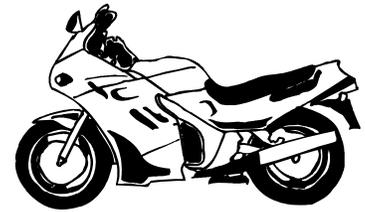
Leading volunteers for the month were **Tina Quinn** (48), **Tim Lockard** (43), and **Conrad Joseph** (43).

MP Runs

5-7 Injured person

Motorcyclists

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Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are July 8 & 22 - 4:00p.

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

May 2008

Complete payments - 20	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 100
Village General Fund	2,577
Remitted to the State	490
Total Court Receipts	\$3,167

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



This has been a busy month for meetings. On June 5, Kent Stanley and I attended the Innovative Financing Workshop for Ohio Transportation sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. While most of this meeting was geared toward larger municipalities and projects such as new highways and bridges, there was still quite a bit of good information to be gained.

On June 12 and 13, I attended two days of the 3-day Ohio Mayor's Association Conference, organized by the Ohio Municipal League. This conference provided an excellent opportunity to network with my fellow mayors about many subjects, chief among them the challenges of financing much-needed projects such as street repairs and police and fire protection. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry gave an excellent presentation about an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. We were given a thorough update on pending legislation in both the House and the Senate, and new provisions under the Adam Walsh Act were distributed along with a reference guide for sex offenders and child-victim sentencings. This is a new tier classification that more strictly tracks the offender's movements

(explains the duties to register as a sex offender or child victim offender) and clearly spells out the victim and community notice requirements. Along with Whitehall's Mayor John Wolf, I was appointed to represent District 16 (Fayette, Franklin, Madison, and Pickaway Counties) for the Mayor's Association.

I attended the Regional Income Tax Agency's (RITA) Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) on June 26. It welcomed 15 new members, making RITA 144 members-strong and serving more than 1.4 million residents. You may recall that it was reported to you last year that federal legislation was approved that cleared the way for the IRS to share information with RITA to better enable both agencies to collect delinquent taxes. A formal cooperative agreement between RITA and the IRS was signed September 10, 2007.

Our 2007 tax collections totalled \$235,128. For every \$100 of taxes collected by RITA, only \$3.20 went to the administrative cost of collections, registration, auditing, compliance, record retention, etc., for a total of \$7,527 in administrative costs, leaving a balance of \$227,601 to the Minerva Park General Fund.

Five Council members were present for the regular meeting on June 9. Councilman Todd Walter and Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter were excused. The following reports were made:

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. The US Cleaners case has once again been continued to June 11 and will be heard in the Franklin County Environmental Court.

Police:

Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his monthly report. He has ordered DNA and Fingerprinting Kits for the Children's Safety Day scheduled for June 22.

Planning & Zoning - Code

Enforcement: Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. There are several properties with high grass that are being addressed - the two trucks that are out of character with a residential neighborhood have been removed; and a few more in-home businesses that do not have permits will be contacted. A fence permit application was approved, and an application for a shed will require a variance hearing by the Village Council on July 21.

Minerva Park Community

Association: Councilman Dave Way (MPCA liaison) reported that the Garden Tour is scheduled for June 29 from 1-4, the Garage Sale's date is August 16 from 9-4, Founders Day is July 26, and the Membership Drive will begin in August.

Northland Community

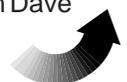
Association: Don Champney reported that the Fourth of July Parade Committee is seeking sponsors, the Beautification Committee is in need of volunteers for judging, there are some concerns about police coverage in the Karl Road area, motorcycle racing on 161 is becoming a real problem, and a Farmers' Market will be opening in Columbus Square on July 8.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that the

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
 Tu – 4p-6p
 W, F – 8a-noon
 Th – 6p-8p
 Sat, July 12 – 10a-noon



preparations for the Children's Safety Day are just about completed. Reservations for a bouncy toy have been confirmed; hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided; and Melody the Clown will be painting faces and making balloon characters.

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Finance: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman received approval for the May warrants totaling \$96,289.94. A Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Building.

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

Ordinance 03-2008 - Adopting Chapter 860 of the Minerva Park Codified Ordinances regulating peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers. Third reading. The Council tabled this for further research and discussion.

Resolution 2008-10 - Submitting a tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2008-14 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the collection and removal of rubbish, trash, recyclables, garbage, and yard waste from residences. First

reading accepted.

Safety: There was no report.

Service: Councilman Kent Stanley continues to work on a tree inventory project.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg has marked the streets for pothole repairs and crack sealing. Village Engineer Mike Flickinger will be soliciting contractors, and either he or a staff member from his firm will conduct on-site checks during the project. •



Villagers

Welcome
Our New
Neighbors!

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Ruth McCoy & Sally Jo Ware
- 2712 Minerva Lake Rd. - 891-6171 - from Westerville

Alex, Sylvia, Zak, & Erin Beaver - 2637 Minerva Lake Rd. - from Ft. Drum, NY

Anne Clotts - 2557 Minerva Lake Rd. - 392-2403

Norm & Miriam Roberts - 3109 Minerva Lake Rd. - 890-1318 - from Columbus

William Locke, Susan, Ben - 5324 Ponderosa - 392-2104 - from Upper Arlington

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

Newcomers Committee

John Rue, 899-1360

Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166

Gretchen Persohn - 898-0903

Glenda Morris - 882-2359



Minerva Park
Police

May - MP Police made 7 misdemeanor arrests; 5 were transported to Franklin County jail.

5-2 10:00p, Minerva Park Dental, 5272 Cleveland Ave., theft on 4-28 to 5-2 reported

5-2 12:23p, 2700 blk Lakewood, theft on 4-25 to 5-2 reported

5-4 2:00p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Road, criminal damaging reported

5-5 10:55a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., theft on 5-4 to 5-5 reported

5-5 2:56p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, false alarm

5-9 6:36p, 2600 blk Maplewood, false alarm

5-12 .. 4:32p, 3000 blk Carleton Court, false alarm

5-13 .. 6:27p, 5300 blk Ponderosa, assault

5-15 .. 1:47a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., juvenile reported missing

5-21 .. Hobo's Pizza, 5256 Cleveland Ave., criminal damaging & criminal trespass reported

5-22 .. 8:43p, 2800 blk Lakewood, person reported missing

5-24 .. 7:00p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Road, aggravated arson, criminal damaging, burglary on 5-23 to 5-24 reported

5-28 .. 6:53a, Farmers Insurance, 5272 Cleveland Ave., false alarm •

Vehicle License Plates

When getting or renewing your license plates, remember to say you live in Minerva Park. When you do, some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money! •



Together, we can save a life

Residential Fire

Fire is one of the most common disasters, causing more deaths than any other type of disaster. Fire doesn't have to be deadly if you have early warning from a smoke detector and everyone in your family knows how to escape calmly. Please be serious about the responsibility of planning for and practicing what to do in case of a fire. Here are tips to help you prepare for such an emergency.

Make your home fire safe

Smoke detectors save lives. Install a battery-powered smoke detector outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home. Use the test button to check each smoke detector once a month. Replace batteries at least once a year.

Have a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Get training from the fire department in how to use it.

Plan your escape routes

Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home. If you must use an escape ladder, be sure everyone knows how to use it. Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Once you are out, stay out!

Escape safely

If you see smoke in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to escape. If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is hot, use your second way out. If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

Learn more at <http://columbus.redcross.org/guide.html>

4th Annual NABA Golf Tournament

August 4
Little Turtle Golf Club
5400 Little Turtle Way
Westerville OH

First Ball Drop Event - Tickets are on sale for the Ball Drop Event (from a helicopter). This is a 50-50 event in which the winner takes 50% of the proceeds (up to \$2,000). The balls are numbered and match your ticket stub. The ball in the hole or closest to the hole is the winner. If there are multiple winners, the cash prize will be divided among the winners. Final determination of winner(s) will be made by Little Turtle officials and the 2008 NABA Golf Tournament committee members. Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for 3. You must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket. Of the remaining proceeds, 20% will go to the YMCA of Central Ohio. You need not be present to win. For more information:
 -614-309-3295 (voice mail)

registration)

- golf@shopnorthland.com (e-mail)

- www.golfshopnorthland.com
 (website) •

NO Grass Clippings

When you sweep or blow grass clippings or any yard waste into the streets, it usually ends up flowing down the street and clogging the storm sewers. Either sweep up your grass clippings from the street and dispose of them properly or scatter them about your own yard where they will break down and provide nutrients for your lawn.

If you hire a lawn care company to mow your lawn, please make them aware of our rules prohibiting this practice, and thank you for your neighborliness in tending to your own property responsibly.

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MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER

Saturday, August 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 13, 7:00p

Cost: \$5 plus 10% of your proceeds

\$5 Late Registration Fee after August 13 (you will not be on the map)

It's time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, August 16. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don't miss out!

As in the past, the **\$5 registration fee** covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps for distribution. There is also a **\$5 late registration fee**, so please be prompt.

This is one of the **MPCA's biggest annual fund-raisers**, so please **do not cheat your community** of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association funds

several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for your fair contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2009 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for \$5 payable to "Minerva Park Community Association" to **2718 Alder Vista**.

Registration packets will be **distributed** this year on **August 15 after 4:00p**. Late registrations can be made that evening, but *you will not be on the map*. Volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3:30 and 4:00 the day of the sale, as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact **Dianne Poncinie at 882-0012** if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

**NO
unauthorized
sales**

**NO
food or
drink sales**

This is also a fund-raiser for our own Emergency Squad. Please direct people to the Community Building throughout the day to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked goods. No food or drink sales at residences, please.

Enclosed is my check for \$5, payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2008 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

Registration

MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER - August 16, 2008

Return to
Dianne Poncinie
2718 Alder Vista
882-0012

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Chicken (or Turkey) Tetrazzini

- 1 package (7 oz) thin spaghetti or linguine, broken in half
- 2 c cubed cooked chicken or turkey
- 1 c sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 Tbls butter or margarine
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 c milk
- 1/2 tsp poultry seasoning

- 1/8 tsp ground mustard
 - 1 c (4 oz) shredded cheddar
 - 1 c (4 oz) shredded mozzarella
 - 1 tbls shredded Parmesan
 - Minced fresh parsley
- Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and place in a greased 11x7x2 baking dish. Top with chicken or turkey; set aside.
- In a skillet, saute mushrooms & onion in

butter until tender. Whisk in the soup, milk, poultry seasoning & mustard until blended. Stir in the cheddar; cook & stir over medium heat until the cheese is melted. Pour over chicken or turkey.

Sprinkle with mozzarella & Parmesan (dish will be full). Bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 25-30 min or until heated through & cheese is melted. Sprinkle with parsley.

Yield: 4-6 servings.

Taste of Home 2004 Annual Recipes, page 79. <http://www.reimanpub.com>



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).

May 2008

Beg balance general fund	\$494,463.31
Revenue collected	45,419.85
Expenses	(93,189.87)
Ending balance	\$446,693.19



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