

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MPCA Festival of Lights Winners

Thanks to the decorators who made Minerva Park beautiful this holiday season. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery. Thanks to guest judges Dick Busick and David Way.

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Best Outdoor Tree
Bobby Comer
2508 Minerva Lake Rd.

All white trees beautifully covered with 2 white-lit wreaths.

Runner Up
Jeff & Nikki Rigg
3100 Minerva Lake Rd.

Multi-colored lights all the way to the top of this very tall evergreen.



Best Entrance Way
Betty Kjellmark & Gail Shaffer
2615 Wildwood Rd.

White-lit door with gold wreath while white lights covered from entrance to front window.

Runners Up - Tie
Jeff & Lori Howard
2785 Wildwood Rd.

White-lit tree with green garland and wreath on door.

Mark & Mandy Weilbacher
2709 Wildwood Rd.

Draped garland with red & white lights on entrance rail and small lighted wreath & evergreen on each side of door.



Best Religious Theme
Karl & Bethany-Freudenreich
2692 Wildwood Rd.

Nativity back-lit in blue on porch.

Runner Up
Tom & Sheila Linley
2640 Wildwood Rd.

All white nativity with star above. Very nicely done.



Best Whimsical Display
Jack & Gerline Lude
2806 Maplewood Dr.

You name it, they got it. Classic horse & sleigh in the front window.

Runner Up
Jim & Peggy Davis
2911 Berry Lane Court

Lots of blow-ups with countdown to Christmas.



Best Outline Effect
Luther & Eva Havens
2526 Jordan Road

Elegantly decorated outline in white with wreaths.

Runners Up - Tie
Tommy & Gretchen Sasfy
3210 Minerva Lake Rd.

OSU "Block O" with lighted flowers.

Dick & Mary Alice Busick
2824 Maplewood Dr.

Blue icicle lights trimmed house with red & white lights around door with red bow.

See you next year, participants and judges. Thank you all! •

Villager Newsletter

The Villager newsletter is underwritten by your \$15/year Community Association dues. Have you paid your MPCA dues for 2008-2009? Don't miss out on special MPCA events or receiving the MPCA Resident Directory. Call Marilyn Herboltzheimer (882-0455) today to bring your account current!

Our thanks to volunteer residents who helped with our 2008-2009 membership drive: Bonnie Townsend (Street Rep Coordinator), Laura Bolain, Dick Busick, Erin Canales, Tina & Elbert Cates, Tim & Tina Diddle, Donna Glenn, Jim & Rella Kehl, Rose Hart, Peggy Hollenbeck, Lisa Keenan, Janet Kohn, Minda Li, Glenda Morris, Linda Natali, Gretchen Persohn, Jeff Rigg, John Rue, Sara Schumacher, Amy Szlapak, Lisa Stockdale, Lisa & Steve Thitoff, Lori Vogel, Irma Warren, David Way, and Beth Weaver.

Special thanks to residents who made additional donations to the drive: Jeanne Blair, JoAnne Briggs, Dee Elsass, Lenore Gregor, Peggy & Kenneth Hollenbeck, Ruth Lambert, Jenna & Gregory McDevitt, Regina Miller, Glenda & Andy Morris, Richard & Janice McCreary, Alice Pough, Tim Rannebarger, Emily Rose, Robert Rossetti, Pat Sideheimer, JoAnn Steigerwald. •

FEBRUARY DATES

- 3 (4p) Mayor's Court
- 5 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 7 (8a) Council Work Session
- 9 (7p) Council Meeting
- 11 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 17 (4p) Mayor's Court
- 18 (5p) Villager Deadline

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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).

December 2008

Beg balance general fund	\$401,536.66
Revenue collected	51,580.25
Expenses	(133,360.17)
Ending balance	\$319,756.74



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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



Planning & Zoning

Commission: Commission member Scott Rupert has submitted his resignation citing increased responsibilities related to his job. Many thanks for four years of service to Minerva Park. In addition to serving as a P&Z Commission Member, Scott had served as a resident-at-large on the ad hoc committee first created when the golf course property owners considered the sale and development of the golf course property and when the Village was first approached by Dominion Homes in 2004. With his experience in the building profession, Scott made invaluable contributions to the lengthy discussions in meetings held with Home, the Council, legal representatives, and me.

The P&Z Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30p at the Community Building. Meetings seldom last more than two hours. If you are interested in volunteering your services and would like to know more about the open position, please contact me at 882-5743 or at mayor@minervapark.org. The deadline for applying is February 27 because I would like to appoint a new member at the Council meeting on March 9.

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

Correction: In my last Mayor's Report about the 2010 Census "Job Opportunity," I listed the toll free number incorrectly. It is 1-866-861-2010. My apologies for the error.

Retirement: Mayor's Court Clerk of Courts Charline Garrabrant has retired after 10 years of service to the Village. She told us at her retirement breakfast that she will remain busy with plans of cruises and volunteer work. We wish her all the best.

2008-in-Review: We normally publish our year-end wrap-up reports in the February issue of the Villager. January has been a very busy month, so I have given an extension to all department heads and asked them to have all reports ready for the March issue instead.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held on January 12.

The January meeting is when the Council elects its Council President and when committee duties are assigned. Pam Park-Curry was once again unanimously elected as president. Committee assignments are shown on page 5.

The following reports were made:

EMS: Chief Rick Hoehstetter reviewed his monthly report. The Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) is obsolete. If it malfunctions, Motorola would be unable to provide replacement parts. Grant funding is being sought to purchase a new MDT at a cost of \$8,000-\$12,000.

Police: Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his report. Our Police Department has once again been nominated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for an Excellence in Work and Service

Award. The Chief will accept the award in February.

Planning & Zoning: Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report and his progress in resolving code violations. Three cases will be heard in Mayor's Court in February for continued violations and noncompliance.

2008 Financials

End-of-2008 financial reports are available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, MP Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. Reports may be viewed during regular business hours M-W-F, 9a to noon.

Suzanne R. Coulter,
 Clerk-Treasurer, Minerva Park

Minerva Park Community

Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Children's Christmas party was well-attended, resident membership now stands at 77% (448 households), and Councilman Dave Way will be the 2008 recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award, a/k/a the "Duck Award."

Northland Community

Council: Representative Don Champney reported the following items discussed at the January meeting: criminal activity specific to the Tamarack Circle area and the Northland area in general and the Special Improvement District (SID) for the 161 corridor (the \$50,000 contribution from Columbus and the efforts of the Northland area business organizations to raise

money for the project). It was reported that 5,000 lbs. of food were collected (later delivered to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank) in conjunction with the Shredding Day held at the Columbus Square Shopping Center.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that Spring Lake Clean-up has been scheduled for April 25 with an emphasis on Earth Day. Children's Safety Day will be held on June 7.

Finance: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that the year-end financial report had not been finalized. She received approval from the Council for a Then-and-Now Purchase Order of \$3,000 to transfer equipment from the old police cruiser to the new cruiser.

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

Resolution 2009-01 -

Authorizing the Mayor to execute Director's final findings and orders on behalf of the Village relating to performance of a Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) and related obligations, declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter reported that he continues to investigate solar lighting for the pillars at the court entrances.

Service: Councilman Stanley continues to work on tree issues and the North Lake but had nothing to report.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg received approval from the Council to amend the 2009 Street Repair Project loan request from \$130,527 to \$168,069 to accrue the maximum points for submission to the OPWC Small Government Division for final consideration. We hope to have a decision by mid-February.

New Business: Council appointed Councilman Jeff Rigg as its liaison to the Planning & Zoning Commission for 2009. •



December - MP Police made 2 felony arrests and 6 misdemeanor arrests; 8 were transported to Franklin County jail.

- 12-2 8:30a, 2800 blk Alder Vista Dr., domestic violence
- 12-2 10:35a, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., assault
- 12-2 12:05p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., aggravated burglary
- 12-3 6:20a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated burglary & carrying a concealed weapon
- 12-3 2:13p, 2600 blk Maplewood, littering
- 12-4 7:25p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 12-4 2:04p, U.S. Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., open door
- 12-8 9:32a, Hawthorne Elementary School, drug trafficking, corrupting another with drugs
- 12-8 4:00p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated burglary & theft reported
- 12-16 .. 3:15p, Hawthorne Elementary School, assault
- 12-17 .. 6:30p, 5200 blk Elmhurst Rd., domestic violence & assault
- 12-18 .. 2:39p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., assault & resisting arrest
- 12-22 .. 2:23p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm

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Medic 119 ...

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December 2008

In December, Medic 119 made 34 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 5 into Minerva Park; 21 patients were transported to hospitals.

17 members volunteered a total of 563 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,557.6. Leading volunteers for the month were **Caleb Stelzer** (78.4 hours), **Tina Quinn** (74.8 hours), **Norm Jones** (61.4 hours).

MP Runs

- 12-4 Unknown emergency
- 12-7 Possible fracture
- 12-7 Ill person
- 12-18 ... Ill person
- 12-30 ... Injured person

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David Way, Chair Rigg & Stanley	Pam Park-Curry, Chair Bierman & Walter	Sharon Bierman, Chair Park-Curry & Rigg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recreation programs and playgrounds care of village lands (mowing, tree trimming, planting, etc.) maintenance of lakes and lake areas care of trees on village property other than street rights of way celebrations and special days such as Earth Day, Founders Day, Fourth of July, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> monitor revenue and disbursements in the various village funds draft and finalize the tax budget and annual appropriation in coordination with the mayor and the village treasurer make recommendations for raising new revenues when required and preparation of required legislation review with the mayor the financial status of the village at least once each quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> research, draft, and finalize ordinances and resolutions review proposed draft ordinances and resolutions submitted by other committees and/or the mayor for content, legality, enforceability, and need with the advice assistance of the village Law Director.

Safety	Service	Streets
Todd Walter, Chair Bierman & Park-Curry	Kent Stanley, Chair Walter & Way	Jeff Rigg, Chair Way & Stanley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consult with the police and emergency squad as to police and emergency squad staffing, operational policies, and training needs recommend policy for traffic control, speed, parking including recreational vehicles report to the mayor any safety and fire hazard conditions recommend lighting needs throughout the village area oversee proper handling of hazardous materials including the collection, storage and disposal of such materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> monitor and review refuse collections and contracts make recommendations as to mosquito control consult as to matters affecting general sanitation of the village oversee leaf pick up contract and process monitor service lines (water) in coordination with the mayor, Village Engineer, and City of Columbus when appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> make recommendations for street repair, construction, and maintenance programs sanitary sewer oversee street name signs and safety signs and markings consult on storm sewer issues maintain trees on street rights of way assist with snow removal arrangements



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