

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## So What's the Difference?

By Sharon Bierman, the Villager

Some people have asked about the difference between Minerva Park Village government and the Minerva Park Community Association. Here's a quick rundown.

### Minerva Park Village Government

Minerva Park was incorporated in 1940 and, as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, is a mayor-council form of government. The Village is led by 6 council members, a Mayor (Lynn Eisentrout), a Fiscal Officer (Lynda Sudderberg), a Police Department (headed by Chief Kim Nuesse), and a Fire Department (consisting of an EMS crew led by Chief Rick Hoehstetter).

The Village receives property & income taxes and other revenue, for which it pays for maintenance of infrastructure and other services for residential and commercial properties ...

- Police Department
- Fire Department (EMS)
- Public Lands
- Lakes, Fountains, Dams, Ravine
- Legal Services
- Roads
- Sewers
- Pool
- Street Lights
- Utilities
- Planning & Zoning, Variances
- Mayor's Court

Council meetings are the second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

### Minerva Park Community Association

This is the social organization for the Village, supported by each household's \$20 annual dues, fundraising efforts, advertising sales, and donations. Here's a list of its events and initiatives ...

- MPCA Membership Drive
- Street Reps
- Villager Newsletter
- MP Resident Directory
- Summer Music Series
- Founders Day
- Duck Award (Citizens of the Year)
- Garden Awards & Garden Tour
- Christmas Carriage Rides
- Meet the Candidates Night
- Sunshine Committee
- Pool Family Fun Night
- Green Team & Community Garden
- Christmas Festival of Lights
- Garage Sale
- Newcomers Committee
- Children's parties - Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Christmas
- Wine & Cheese Events
- Nancy Fisher Scholarship
- MinervaFlora News & Clean-ups
- Various fundraisers, such as plant sales, selling historic posters, etc.
- Additional special projects, such as landscaping the entrances, benches & bike racks, etc.

Community Association meetings are the Wednesdays following the second Mondays at 7:30 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

**Merry Christmas Cops for Kids**

Please support our Police Dept. by donating new & gently used toys for children of all ages. Donations will go to families in Minerva Park and surrounding areas. Donations accepted Mon - Fri, 9a to noon, Community Building. Deadline - December 13. If you have any questions, contact Lt. Rex Waldenmyer. Thank you!

*Coffee with Council*

Residents are invited ...

**Monday, November 18**  
**7:00p Community Building**  
 to have "Coffee with Council."  
 This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

NOVEMBER DATES	
9 (8a)	..... Council Work Session
11 (7p)	.....Council Meeting
13 (7:30p)	..... MPCA Meeting
16 (9a)	..... MinervaFlora Clean-Up
18 (7p)	..... Coffee with Council
19 (7:30p)	.....Green Team
20 (8a)	.....Mayors Court
20 (5p)	..... Villager Deadline

# MP Community Association News



## MinervaFlora Clean-up

**Saturday, November 16  
9a • Community Building**

Meet at the Community Building, with your gardening tools, rakes, clippers, etc., to help with Minerva Park's gardening tasks. If you can help at other times or have questions, call Bob Gale at 560-0452.

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Join the Green Team for its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Community Building.

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## Children's Christmas Party



December 14  
10a to noon

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Approximately 60 residents met on Thursday, October 17, at Hawthorne School to hear from 5 of the 6 candidates running for four MP Council seats. MP's ballot is shown on page 8. You may mark your choices and take that page with you to the voting booth on Tuesday, November 5. VOTE!

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## Biking Buddies

Join fellow residents at the Community Building at 9a on Monday mornings for an informal bike ride.



Contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 for more info about the destination ride. See you there!



**September** - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.  
9-6 .....8:24p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave, disturbance  
9-6 .....9:30a, 5300 Ponderosa Dr, missing person  
9-9 .....10:05a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft  
9-10 ...2:59p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft reported  
9-19 ...10:50a, Minerva Lake Rd & E. Shore Dr, truant juvenile  
9-23 ...3:43p, 2800 Maplewood Dr, theft •



## September 2013

Medic 119 made 11 runs - none into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park, with 11 patients transported to local hospitals.

14 members volunteered a total of 179.1 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,931.9 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were **Brian Horton** (25 hours), **Tom McClanahan** (19.8 hours), **Tim Lockard** (18.5 hours).



# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



Happy autumn! This is by far my favorite season with Minerva Park is at its best with our beautiful foliage and colorful leaves.

This report will be a short one because there is an early deadline to submit the Villager to the printer so our residents receive the ballot information in a timely manner.

**Leaf Pick-up:** Evidently, some residents still do not realize that the Village is unable to finance the Leaf Pick-up Program for 2013 because of budget constraints. Please see the August, September, and October issues of the Villager. We have a list of companies that offer this service, or you can bag them for Rumpke to pick up as yard waste. Green Team member Karen Cogley wrote a very good article (page 1 of last month's Villager) suggesting several options for leaf disposal.

**Lake Clean-up:** We had a fairly good turn-out. Many thanks to Bob Caley, Bob Gale, EMS Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Dave Hays, Carrie Jarka, Janet Kohn, Denise Mehlo, Cub Scouts Christian Mehlo and Isaac Severin, John Michels, Kaily Monaco, Mike Pajak, Councilwoman Jen Pauken, Jody Neary, Cara Chatfield Rohrbaugh, Gretchen and Maddie Sasfy, Cassandra Shaffer, Rex Shoemaker, Councilman Todd

Walter, Councilman David Way, Max Way, and Brian, Maria, & Thomas Wolf. One of the risks of acknowledging everyone individually is that I may overlook someone. My apologies if I did. I am using the signed waiver forms as my guide. I did get my wish, and we had great success - before it started raining - in removing a number of trees from the overslope and the shoreline along the South Lake and did some weeding in the flower beds along the South Lake. Both dumpsters provided by Rumpke were filled. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate your help. Your volunteer efforts probably saved the Village several hundred dollars by not hiring a tree removal company and paying our maintenance staff.

**Golf Course Property:** Referring to last month's Mayor's Report, we (the Village Council, the Planning & Zoning Commission, Fischer Homes' representative, and their attorney) continue to work on the Pre-Annexation Agreement (PAA) and will be meeting on November 7 at 7 p.m. to further negotiate the terms of this PAA. While this is an open meeting, i.e., open to the public, it is not a Town Hall meeting or a Public Hearing. As indicated last month, there will be ample opportunity for public input in the very near future. If you have questions about the PAA, please refer to the October issue or call me.

**Earthen Dam:** I have received a draft of the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and the Operations, Maintenance, and Inspection (OMI) documents. They will be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources Dam Safety Division for approval before the Village can adopt them. A representative from ODNR will be at the Coffee with Council on October 28 to discuss the dam issue as it relates to safety, the mandated remediations, and repairs.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting held October 14.

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that billing for runs has begun. The Ohio Medicaid application is still in process. Pharmacy Board documents have been signed, notarized, submitted, and approved.

## Christmas Carriage Rides

Reservation  
deadline December 6 - page 5



**Police:** Chief Nuesse was excused because of illness. Cruiser #2 sustained frame damage when it rolled down the embankment, striking several trees. The cruiser will be repaired and will not need to be replaced. The officer, Sgt. Boyers, sustained minor injuries and was placed on Administrative Leave until his scheduled retirement on October 13.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** There was no P&Z meeting in October because there were no cases to be heard. Code Enforcement Officer Lt. Waldenmyer continues to work with area businesses with issues

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
Tu – 4p-6p  
W, F – 8a-noon  
Th – by appt  
Sat, Nov 9 – 10a-noon

such as signs and parking lot conditions and residents' property maintenance.

#### Minerva Park Community

**Association:** MPCA Vice President Dave Way reported that elections for the 2013-2014 officers were held at the annual MPCA business meeting in September. The new officers are President Danielle Wolf, Vice President David Way, Treasurer Dick Busick, Secretary Jean McCall.

#### Northland Community

**Council:** Councilman Dave Way's son Max read the following report. The October NCC meeting was held at Friendship Village on October 1. Letters of violation were sent to the various civic associations for lack of attendance or paying membership dues. The Columbus Metropolitan Library reported plans to remodel and expand the Karl Road Branch slated for 2014. The Board of Elections has relocated to the former Kohl's store site located on Morse Road. The Waffle House located on old Route 161 and Westerville Road will be closed temporarily for remodeling. The Northland Area Shredding Day will be held October 26 at the former Kohl's store location on Morse Road.

The following committee reports were made.

**Community:** Councilman David Way reported that the fall clean-up was scheduled for October 19, weather permitting. He

hopes to have final plans for the Veterans Memorial to the Council for review next month.

**Finance:** Council President Pamela Park-Curry received approval from the Council for the September financial reports and expenditures totaling \$93,167.79. A Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 21 immediately following the Safety Committee meeting.

**Legislation:** Councilman Roberto Segovia asked the Council to consider the following legislation ([minervapark.org/legislation](http://minervapark.org/legislation)):

**Resolution 2013-33** - Approving temporary appropriations of funds for the current expenses and expenditures from January 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2014. This resolution was tabled until after the Finance Committee meeting on October 21.

**Resolution 2013-25** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract for health insurance for Village of Minerva Park full-time police officers and the Mayor. Withdrawn because the beginning and ending dates of the contract were previously changed.

**Resolution 2013-23** - Providing for the submission to the electors of the Village of Minerva Park, at a Special Election, to be held on February 4, 2014, an ordinance to enact an increase in the Village income tax rate from the current rate of one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) to become

effective March 1, 2014, for the purposes of general municipal operations and services, including but not limited to police services, street maintenance, capital improvements, and related Village costs. Third reading, passage. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Pauken, Walter, Way. Nays - Segovia.

Several resolutions will help provide for services in 2014:

**Resolution 2013-26** -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract with a prosecuting attorney, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for the Village during 2014. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-27** -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract for the services of a Director of Law. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-28** -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-29** -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-30** -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into

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contract for the services of a Village Engineer. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-31** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defender's Office for legal services. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-32** - Adopting the Rules of Council for the Village Council of Minerva Park for 2014. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2013-35** - Affirming final appointment of Officer Anna Tomaro. Suspend rules, waive three readings. All ayes. Pass as emergency. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Pauken, Walter, Way. Abstain - Segovia.

**Resolution 2013-36** - Affirming final appointment of Officer Shawn Hensley. Suspend rules, waive three readings. All ayes. Pass as emergency. Ayes - Legg, Park-Curry, Pauken, Walter, Way. Abstain - Segovia.

**Resolution 2013-37** - Authorizing the Village to enter into a pre-annexation agreement with the golf course owners (Groezingers) and potential developers (Grand Communities Ltd.). Emergency language was removed. First reading accepted.

**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter announced that there would be a Safety Committee meeting October 21. He and Chief Hoehstetter asked the Council's approval of the Columbus Fire Department's (CFD) Pilot Program. This program changes how CFD will respond to various types of runs and ensures that all medical runs will have two medics present. Chief Hoehstetter commented that the program provides greater flexibility. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Service:** Councilwoman Jennifer Pauken reported that the transition from Local Waste to Rumpke has gone well. The

Director's Findings & Orders were discussed at a Service Committee meeting held in September.

**Streets:** The Mayor asked Councilman Charles Legg to inspect the repairs and crack-sealing work that was just completed. The work was found lacking in certain areas. The Mayor and Councilman Legg will meet with the contractor to have the job completed to our satisfaction. •



Ongoing yoga classes will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Community Building. Contact Terri, 734-308-3884, for information.

Christmas Carriage Rides - Sunday, December 15, 5:30p - 8:30p

**Reservation deadline December 6, 5 p.m.**

Email your reservations to [mayor@minervapark.org](mailto:mayor@minervapark.org) (preferred) or deliver to Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743), 2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

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

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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.

### Franklin Co Muni Court Judge

Scott Van Der Kaar - R

### Franklin Co Muni Court Judge

Kristen McKinley - D  
 Amy Salerno - R

### Franklin Co Muni Court Judge

Gwen Callender - D  
 James E. Green - R

### Franklin Co Muni Environmental Court Judge

James W. Adair III - I  
 Dan Hawkins - R  
 Frank Mackie - D

### Minerva Park Council

(vote for no more than 4)

Tony Benedetti  
 Edward B. Detwiler  
 John Michels  
 Pamela Park-Curry  
 Jennifer G. Pauken  
 Roberto Segovia

### Blendon Township Trustee

Stewart Flaherty - R  
 Jan D. Heichel - D

### Westerville School District

(vote for no more than 3)

Nancy Nestor Baker - D  
 Jim Burgess - R  
 Tracy A. Davidson - D  
 Luke Davis - R  
 Robert Edwards - R  
 Kevin W. Hoffman - R  
 John Sodt - R  
 Rick A. Vilardo - D

Take your ID to the polls ... driver's license, Ohio photo ID, bank statement, utility bill, paycheck, any government-issued document showing your current address. 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!



## Leaf Pick-up

Here's another reminder that Minerva Park will not be underwriting a leaf pick-up program this year. Need alternative disposal methods? Check out the Oct 2013 issue of the Villager. If you have contracted with a private company to pick up your leaves, the guidelines remain the same:

- 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.

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## Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next session is Nov. 20, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

**September 2013**

Citation payments.....	89
Village General Fund.....	\$4,982
Computer Fund.....	\$200
Remitted to the State.....	\$1,534
Cap. Recovery System.....	\$21
Columbus .....	\$47
<b>Total Court Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$6,783</b>



- Refrain from on-street parking during scheduled collection weeks. Collecting leaves from behind parked vehicles significantly inhibits ability to provide timely pick-up.
- On cul-de-sacs or circles, please park in your driveways, so leaf collection machinery can navigate the tight turns on the street. •



By Police Chief Kim Nuesse

A big "Thank You" to all our residents who came out on October 15 to wish Sgt. "Jimmy" Boyers a happy retirement and congratulate him on 24 years of service to our community. It was a wonderful turnout, and we know it meant so much to him.

Minerva Park Police will be distributing candy again this Halloween to children and teenagers who are trick or treating throughout the Village on Thursday,

October 31, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. We encourage everyone who will be out during that time to have a flashlight with them for better visibility because of traffic concerns. We will be doing our part to make it a safe family event.

Don't forget to check out our police department Facebook page at [facebook.com/minervapark.pd](https://www.facebook.com/minervapark.pd) to keep up with the latest crime prevention, crime trends, and community alert information. We update this page several times during the week. •



**Thank you, Jimmy.** Nearly 70 colleagues, family members, and residents gathered on October 15 for a dinner and reception to recognize Sgt. Jimmy Boyers on his retirement from the Minerva Park Police Department after 24 years of service. One testimonial summed it nicely. "He became someone we relied on, and more importantly he became a good friend. Thank you for keeping watch over our children, many of them today's MP adults." Stop in and visit any time, Jimmy!



If you have questions about the information provided here, please call the Fiscal Officer at 882-5743.

**September 2013**

Beg balance general fund.....	\$208,708
Receipts.....	\$102,636
Disbursements.....	(\$92,688)
Ending balance.....	\$218,657



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