

# the Villager



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In 2015, Minerva Park will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. With this focus, this periodic personal-interest column will interview Village residents with the ultimate purpose of deepening our sense of community by helping us know our neighbors and our history.

This month we continue a glimpse into MP at a quieter time (part #1 can be read in the May 2014 issue, [minervapark.org/villager](http://minervapark.org/villager)). Please enjoy this stream of consciousness as four residents on Lakewood Drive - with a collective total of 213 years in MP! - share memories of their childhoods growing up in the Village. They are (pictured l to r) Bob Gale, Tom Petti, Pam Park-Curry, and John Best.

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The "Lakewood 4" had fun winters on the creek that flows between Lakewood Drive and Minerva Lake Road, leading to the South Lake. John often "jumped the creek" as a shortcut to Minerva Lake Road, using the bridge that existed at the time. Pam walked along the frozen creek to the lake, and Bob often skated on the creek. People regularly skated on the lake, and many houses had docks that were lit for night-time enjoyment.

The Minerva Lake Golf Course was built in 1931 and holds happy memories for the "Lakewood 4." In the 1940s, Tom's father was part

of a regular foursome that played all winter on Saturdays if there was not much snow on the ground. Pam enjoyed the golf course in snowy winters, great for sledding with its many hills. "Suicide Hill" earned its name because sledders would end up in the creek if they did not stop in time. One time, Bob was in the snow up to his waist and a guy came by asking, "Hey, have you seen my golf ball?" Before regulations banned the practice, Tom quietly scattered his father's ashes around the golf course, a request of the senior Petti.

Other neighborhood memories include former Lakewood Drive residents. Dr. Conway, who used to have a swimming pool (now Alder Vista), often hosted the Ohio State football team. One day, Woody Hayes spotted John and called out "Bring that young man over here." Thus, John - only 7 years old at the time - got to swim with the team, instead of longingly watching from the bushes.

In the early 1960s, MP residents had to buy bonds, two for \$200 each, if they wanted to join the new community swimming pool, completed in 1962, with its building

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## Public Hearing

**Sunday, June 8, 4 p.m.  
Hawthorne Elementary**

Learn more about the proposed golf course development - traffic, ingress & egress, sewer lines, HOAs, greenspace & parklands, density, proposed plans. Updates are posted at [minervapark.org](http://minervapark.org).

## TWO Refrigerators Needed



Recently the refrigerators at the EMS crew quarters and for the police staff finally breathed their last freon - BOTH of them! If you have an extra refrigerator to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Call 882-5743.

### JUNE DATES

- 3 (7p) ..... Planning & Zoning
- 4 (8a) ..... Mayors Court
- 7 (8a) ..... Council Work Session
- 9 (7p) ..... Council Meeting
- 18 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline
- 18 (7p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 25 (8a) ..... Mayors Court
- 29 (1p-5p) ..... Garden Tour

## MP Community Association News



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Despite inclement weather, judges were out the weekend of May 10 to choose the 2014 MinervaFlora Four Season Garden Award Winner for early spring. They looked for curb appeal, color, design of beds, variety of plants & shrubs, and overall appearance of the yard while driving by.

The winners are **Buck & Donna Glenn at 2811 Park Lane Drive**. The judges were impressed with the design and color of the flower beds, the variegated hosta, and the beautiful Japanese maple. Other gardens in the running were 2559 Lakewood, 2761 Lakewood, 2585 Minerva Lake, and 3071 Minerva Lake. Thanks to the judges for their hard work and the residents for making

Minerva Park  
beautiful.



**[mympca.org](http://mympca.org)**

A reminder that the website specifically devoted to your MP Community Association is up and running. Please visit [mympca.org](http://mympca.org) for MPCA information. During the coming months, we will add more features to the site. Feedback from residents is welcome.

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## MP Garden Tour - June 29, 1p-5p

So far, 3 Minerva Park homes and 3 public gardens are scheduled for the FREE annual garden tour sponsored by your Community Association:

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- 2690 Lakewood Dr, an English cottage garden combined with a shady park-like setting along a ravine with hostas, perennials, annuals, and ground covers.
- 2806 Maplewood Dr, a large garden with perennials, a pool, pool house, pond, water features, statues & figurines, secret gardens, and tropical plants.
- Lakewood and Maplewood Drives, the Mary Yost Garden, a public garden with numerous hostas and other perennials in a natural setting.
- Minerva Lake Rd at Farview Rd, a Community Garden created by the MP Community Association's Green Team with the cooperation

of Hawthorne Elementary School.

- 2829 Minerva Lake Rd, MP Community Building, a colorful shade garden with hostas, perennials, and annuals. The rear garden overlooks Minerva Lake.
- 3210 Minerva Lake Rd, rear yard with an organic vegetable garden, compost beds, fire pit, and rain barrels.

Signs will identify gardens on the tour, and maps will be available at each residence.

Additional residences are pending for the tour. It is not too late to sign up. Please call 560-0452 for more information. For updates closer to the time of the event, visit [mympca.org](http://mympca.org) or consult the Columbus Sunday Dispatch column "Coming Up" in the At Home section.

## MP's 75th Anniversary

MP's 75th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015. Help with the planning - call Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.



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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



Well, we had our first experience voting somewhere other than our Community Building on May 6. Did you find the new location convenient, inconvenient? Was your decision to vote (or not) influenced by the change in location? I am interested in your thoughts.

Village Engineer Mike Flickinger and I met with Brett from the Secretary of State's office to review what needs to be done to meet the current federal ADA requirements for the exterior of the Community Building (steep sidewalk, uneven parking lot, and a handicap parking space too close to the street). I am waiting for the scope of work and the cost of this project from the engineer to determine how to proceed.

**Golf Course:** There isn't much to add to last month's report other than to thank the Village Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission members for the hours and hours of work they have invested, and continue to do so. They have thoughtfully approached the areas of concerns - traffic, ingress & egress, sewer lines, HOAs, green space & parklands, and density - that we have that are associated with developing this property and have patiently and firmly negotiated with the Fischer

Homes representatives.

Please attend the **Public Hearing scheduled on Sunday, June 8, at 4 p.m. at Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Drive**. The proposed plans will be available for viewing. A representative from Fischer Homes will make a brief presentation, followed by an opportunity for public comment. For more information, visit [minervapark.org](http://minervapark.org).

All Council members were present for the May 12 regular Council meeting.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that one of their phone circuit lines had been disconnected inadvertently. He and our Fiscal Officer will initiate the process of reconnecting it. He has inspected a slow-leaking fire hydrant on Ponderosa Drive that will need to be repaired.

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported that all three cruisers are back in service and that the project to install new Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) and wireless modems is underway. The goal is to have the installation and programming completed by June 1.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry had nothing to report for P&Z. Our Code Enforcement Officer is inspecting and notifying property owners of maintenance issues, such as high grass, dead trees, dilapidated fences, fences installed incorrectly, weeds, etc.

**Northland Community Council:** Mayor Eisentrout reported that the City of Columbus will be flushing hydrants from April 20 through June 10. The trial is concluded for the Red Carpet Inn on Route 161, and it will likely

remain closed for another

year. The Fourth of July Northland Parade applications are posted on the NCC website ([myncc.org](http://myncc.org)). The theme this year is "American Heroes, Past, Present, and Future." The Staples store located on 161 will be closing sometime in June, along with approximately 200 other Staples stores.



Residents are invited to attend and observe committee meetings ...

**Community,** Dave Way. No report submitted.

**Legislation,** Pam Park-Curry. The Legislative Committee (Jen Pauken, Ed Detwiler, and I, with the assistance of Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg and Legal Counsel Gene Hollins) has been busy drafting legislation related to the potential Fischer Homes development. We are planning to submit legislation for a \$500 per house public use fee that each house in the new development would pay. This is similar to what Westerville has and would provide funds to improve the Maplewood playground and generate revenue to create recreational park areas in the development. Minerva Park is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer line that Fisher Homes will be tapping into, so we are drafting legislation that would increase the sewer tap in fee. The revenue above the amount that

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

goes to Columbus would stay in the Village to be used to assess (videotape and clean) the condition of the sewer line. With that information, we could anticipate future action. The committee also discussed a water tap-in fee that would provide revenue related to water line projects in the future. Other legislation will be looking at restricting construction traffic to one section of Minerva Lake Road and/or setting weight limits, initiating a contractor/subcontractor registration process (similar to Gahanna) that will help the Village identify those earning income in the Village for income tax purposes. Finally, we are researching municipal codes related to motor vehicle service and conditional uses of businesses in the Village.

The subdivision revenue sources mentioned above can be used only for specific issues, such as sewer repairs or parkland improvement.

The Village still needs to increase revenue to restore our Police Department to 24/7 staffing levels and provide much-needed capital improvement to the Police and EMS, code enforcement, and infrastructure maintenance. Therefore, we are reading legislation to put the income tax issue (a 1% increase for a total of a 2% income tax) on the November ballot.

All pieces of legislation can be found at [minervapark.org/legislation](http://minervapark.org/legislation). If you have any questions about

legislation, call any of us on the Legislative Committee.

**Finance**, John Michels.

The audit of 2012-13 finances is scheduled to begin May 27. As in the past, the audit will be performed by the independent public accounting firm Kennedy Cottrell Richards. Unlike previous audits, this will be an Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement. Since November 2009, the Auditor of State has helped lower the audit costs for Ohio's smaller entities through the use of AUPs. Specifically, AUP engagements narrow the scope of work to review key internal controls and perform targeted testing of significant transactions for qualifying municipalities. To qualify for an AUP, the government must spend less than \$5 million annually. Minerva Park easily met this standard, and our request for an AUP engagement was approved (source: [ohioauditor.gov/financial.html](http://ohioauditor.gov/financial.html)).

According to the Auditor of State, the AUP process allows for lower audit costs and reduced billed hours while providing accountability for public dollars. Traditionally, an AUP engagement saves governments anywhere from 25-50% of full audit costs. This means the Village could realize cost savings ranging from \$3,750 to \$7,500. The Finance Committee appreciates Fiscal Officer Lynda Sudderberg's efforts to determine Minerva Park's eligibility for this

program.

In a work session held on May 10, the Council, Mayor, and Fiscal Officer unanimously agreed that all results, management letter(s), accompanying responses, and remediation plans arising from the 2012-13 AUP should be published on the Village website to promote transparency.

In other news, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 6:30p on July 14 at the Community Building for the purpose of presenting the Village's Tax Budget for the 2015 fiscal year. All residents are encouraged to attend.

**Safety**, Todd Walter. Nothing to report.

**Service**, Jennifer Pauken. Work continues on the Ohio EPA Director's Finding and Orders (the sanitary sewer project). The emergency response plan has been submitted to the Ohio EPA for review and approval. The next phases of the project - the sewer system survey and flow monitoring - are progressing nicely. Based on the preliminary observations of the staff from CH2M Hill (the engineering firm used by the Village), it appears that the manholes are in fairly good shape. We may see larger problems with infiltration and inflow. Smoke testing, planned for June/July, will provide further data on those types of deficiencies. As of the most recent progress report from CH2M Hill, the project is running slightly under our projected budget.

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The time to secure bids for the next trash contract is fast approaching. If any residents have feedback on Rumpke's service, please e-mail me at [mp-pauken@minervapark.org](mailto:mp-pauken@minervapark.org) or call 891-5880. As we evaluate vendors for the next trash contract, price will be the primary concern, but quality of service is an important consideration.

**Streets, Ed Detwiler.**

We have received the first cost estimates from a paving contractor to complete repair work recommended by the Village Engineer (CH2M Hill). To ensure competitiveness, we are seeking additional estimates before awarding a contract. Any residents who wish to receive a detailed account or wish to report damage to their streets are encouraged to contact me at 895-0465 or [mp-detwiler@minervapark.org](mailto:mp-detwiler@minervapark.org). •

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mimicking the groundbreaking architecture of LaGuardia Airport. Ohio State diving coach Ron O'Brien used to teach at the MP pool, using trampolines so would-be divers could practice flips. Aspiring divers came from all over the US to study with Coach O'Brien at the MP pool. One Ohio State student, Tom Moore, became a diver for the USA Olympics Swim Team in 1976, competing in the men's 10m platform. He and his family once lived on Lakewood Drive.

Three houses from Bob lived the Netzorg family with their notorious teenage hot-rodgers, inspiring many calls from neighbors to the police, complaining about the street racing. When the younger of the rowdy teenagers once said to Tom's father, "You are not the law," he answered, "I am the law around here!" Tom's father - an imposing

former Marine - also would break up fights. Tired of the fights, he once said that he'd just join the next one. Tom's father played football at Otterbein for its only championship team in 1946.

John remembers Dave Netzorg shooting an arrow through John's football, with a surprised Dave proclaiming, "I didn't think I could hit it!" Mr. Netzorg worked for Levi Strauss and became quite wealthy. When Mrs. Netzorg died in 1966, she did not want the house to be sold, so it stayed empty for almost 20 years.

Once Bob cleared a log jam from the creek on Earth Day, extracting a bra from the mess. When Bob's mother once came out and yelled that there was a cat in the house, further investigation revealed a family of raccoons living in the chimney. John, who was cleaning his gutters and chimney at the time, came over to help. Armed with motorcycle helmet and gloves, John climbed on top of the chimney with a water hose, expecting to scare away the pests. Instead, they began to happily drink the spray. The incident is immortalized on video by neighbor Frank Simmonetti.

With less build-out in northeast Columbus, it used to be commonplace for MP kids to ride bicycles to the Northern Lights Shopping Center and other areas. Pam remembers riding her bicycle to the Linden Pool when she was 10, and John often rode to Northern Lights to pick up the hottest new 45 rpm records.

Both Pam and John attended MP Elementary School that used to be on Cleveland Avenue, being reassigned to the new Hawthorne Elementary for the 3rd grade. John remembers the school bus getting stuck in the snow on Jordan Road before the street was annexed into Minerva Park in 1973.

The Marzetti family used to

own Bertha Meyer's house next door to Pam. John, a paper boy at the time, collected the 52¢ per week subscription fee every Friday, often visiting with Bertha Meyer and savoring her homemade cookies. Her little dog Tippy used to bite Tom on the ankles when he mowed the Meyer's lawn. Tom had the misfortune of seeing little Tippy right after the dog bit through an electrical cord. It was not pretty, but the dog survived.

The "Lakewood 4" have good memories of the Minerva Park Fourth of July parades and the fireworks of the 1960s and 1970s. John Kasich - state representative at the time - was in some parades in the 1980s, once the Grand Marshall. One year, Bob's sister Patti and her friend Jody walked in the parade in Bob's father's pants - one girl in each pant leg! Their daughters replicated the feat 20 years later.

Those were the days, my friends! A quieter time.

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Help us celebrate Minerva Park's 75th Anniversary on September 12, 2015.

If you wish to be featured in "Getting to Know You" or suggest a neighbor, email [rose\\_hart@hotmail.com](mailto:rose_hart@hotmail.com). •

## MP's 75th Anniversary

Minerva Park's 75th Anniversary Celebration

is planned for Saturday, September 12,

2015. We need your help to make it a day to remember! We are asking for volunteers to help plan this great event. Please contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 to volunteer. •



# Around Town

**Park Street Festival**, Jun 6-7  
Arena District. A 2-day event featuring entertainment, arts & crafts, family fun, delicious food, and great music for all ages.

**Columbus Arts Festival**, Jun 6-8  
Scioto Mile. Brings the best of the arts, entertainment, and food to the beautiful new Scioto Mile and Bicentennial Park.

**Grandview Digfest**, Jun 14  
Grandview Yard. A celebration of local micro-distilleries, micro-breweries, wineries, and restaurants in Central Ohio.

**Comfest**, Jun 27-29  
Goodale Park. Free Concerts start around noon daily. Listen to music on six stages. Take part in Spirit & Purpose Workshops and speakers, solar displays, and kids activities; shop at craft and community vendors; enjoy delicious fare from food vendors.

**Easton Art Affair**, Jun 27-29  
Easton Town Center. A unique and enjoyable shopping experience at the annual Easton Art Affair, an outdoor fine art and fine craft show held on the streets of the beautiful Easton Town Center. This outstanding event features 100 juried artisans and boasts a wide variety of art and crafts, including acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, pottery, metal sculpture, fine jewelry, glass, and much more.

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**MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, August 2**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: July 25, 7 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5 plus 10% of your proceeds**

**\$10 Late Registration Fee after July 25, 7p (you will not be on the map)**

It's that time of year again! Clean out your closets, attics, garages, and basements for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale, set for August 2 from 9:00a to 4:00p. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don't miss out!

This is one of your Community Association's biggest fundraisers, so take advantage of this opportunity to give back to your community. The Community Association funds several projects to enhance the Village, and your registration fee plus 10% of your proceeds are vital to that effort.

As in the past, the \$5 registration fee (or a \$10 late fee) covers the cost of group advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps or participating homes for your distribution. Please register promptly ...

you will miss the opportunity to have your sale put on the map if your registration is late.

To register, please drop off or send the attached form and a check for \$5 payable to "Minerva Park Community Association" to the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Rd. The registration deadline is July 25, 7:00p.

Registration packets will be delivered on or before July 31. Volunteers (with an official MPCA badge) will be coming around to collect your 10% proceeds at 4:00p that afternoon, so please have your envelope ready.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this event a big success. Please contact Bonnie Townsend, 890-2427, if you would like to help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

Because this is a major fundraiser for the Community Association, it is important that residents do not hold any unregistered sales on the same day.

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hamburgers, and  
baked goods. No  
food or drink sales  
at residences,  
please.

Enclosed is my check for \$5 (\$10 late registration), payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2014 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds that afternoon.

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**MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER - August 2, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to the  
Community Building,  
2829 Minerva Lake  
Road, by July 25.  
LATE registrations -  
call 517-375-2049.



## Police Report

- April - MP Police made 1 misdemeanor arrest.**  
 Apr 6...3:07p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr, criminal mischief  
 Apr 9...7:43p, Wildwood Rd & North Bay Dr, warning citation  
 Apr 16.10:03a, 5300 blk Cleveland Ave, abandoned vehicle  
 Apr 20.6:38p, StRt 161 & Farview Dr, traffic stop resulting in an arrest  
 Apr 28.12:28p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, criminal mischief  
 Apr 28.6:07p, 2800 blk Lakewood, Dr, assault  
 Apr 29.6:29p, 27800 blk Minerva Lake Rd, burglary



## Medic Report

### April 2014

Medic 119 made 28 runs - 2 run into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park, with 21 patients transported to local hospitals. 20 members volunteered a total of 356 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,068 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tim Lockard** (61 hours), **Todd Monroe** (50 hours), and **Brian Bates** (36 hours).

# yoga

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



## Welcome

### Our New Neighbors!

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**Charles Adams & Nanci Ables**, 5360 Ponderosa, 668-8734, from Columbus

**Rita & Mike Sweet**, 2681 Maplewood, from Westerville

**Michael Waters & Caitlin Emmerich**, 3228 Minerva Lake Road, 588-4650, from Grove City

**Mikaelann & David Fanning**, 3192 Minerva Lake Road, 301-3220, from Westerville

**Marc & Molly Nagle**, 2775 Alder Vista, 571-6539, from Columbus

**G.L. & Joyce Bradford**, 2733 Jordan, from Columbus (former MP residents)

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If you learn of any new residents, please advise Paul Miller, pemill@earthlink.net



## Village Financials

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

### April 2014

Beg balance general fund.....	\$262,916
Receipts.....	\$57,256
Disbursements.....	(\$68,071)
Ending balance.....	\$252,101



## Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are June 4 & 25, 8 a.m. If you have questions, please call 882-1408.

### April 2014

Citation payments.....	52
Village General Fund.....	\$6,081
Computer Fund.....	\$200
Remitted to the State.....	\$1,813
Columbus .....	\$62
Capital Recovery System .....	\$207
Total Court Receipts .....	\$8,001

## How Minerva Park Voted

### Issue One

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to fund public infrastructure capital improvements by permitting the issuance of general obligation bonds.  
 Yes - 197  
 No - 83

### #6 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Franklin County Columbus Zoological Park

An additional tax for the benefit of ... the zoo ...  
 For - 84  
 Against - 201

Download the complete results from [http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/assets/elections/2014/primary/DETAIL\\_OFFICIAL\\_PRIMARY2014.pdf](http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/assets/elections/2014/primary/DETAIL_OFFICIAL_PRIMARY2014.pdf)

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## Grass Clippings

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Jul 26 - Family Fun Night  
Aug 2 - Garage Sale (pg 7)

Minerva Park's  
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Celebration  
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with the planning.



## Grass Clippings

Grass clippings in the street wind up clogging MP storm sewers, costing the Village money. Please mulch grass clippings into your own yard or dispose of them properly. Thanks for being a good neighbor.

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The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's signature and phone number. The Villager is online at [minervapark.org/villager](http://minervapark.org/villager).

Next deadline:  
Wednesday, Jun 18, 5p

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