

the Villager



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MP's 75th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, September 12



Join your neighbors for a day of celebration, recognizing Minerva Park's 75th Anniversary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 a.m. - Parade set-up. VIPs, trolley, float, cars should line up at the playground. Children and bikes should gather at the Community Building no later than 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. - Parade begins from the playground ... west on Lakewood Dr., north on Cleveland Ave., east on Woodley Dr. to Wildwood & North Bay, east on Minerva Lake Rd. The kids at the Community Building join the parade as it passes by.

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. - Parade concludes at Hawthorne Elementary, with a short opening ceremony.

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. - FOOD - Available for purchase from food trucks parked at Hawthorne Elementary ... Sock Hop Soda Shop, Dan's Deli, Sophie's Pierogis.



Noon - 1 p.m. - MP HISTORY presentations in the Hawthorne Cafeteria. Materials on display until 6 p.m.

Noon - 7 p.m. - BEER available for purchase. Bring cash & your ID.

Noon - 8 p.m. - POOL open.

Music

Noon - 4 p.m. - DJ

4 p.m. - 8 p.m. - "The Ride" band.

Activities

- Noon - 7 p.m. - crafts for the children
- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - PhotoBooth, \$2 per strip. Make some memories with a photo strip by Shutterbooth. The Village will get a copy of each in a memory book.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Turtle Lady.
- NEOS!, an electronic interactive play game.
- Cardboard maze provided by Minerva Park's EMS team.
- Spin art.
- Drama event by Mouth of the Wolf Productions.
- Tug-o-War.
- Coin toss into the pool.
- 20' long ice cream sundae.
- Paddleboat races.

MPCA Table

Your Community Assn. will have a table at the event. Update your directory info, pay your \$20 annual membership dues, participate in an

auction & raffle purchase the "History of Hawthorne" book, buy a commemorative t-shirt or framed historical map (free delivery in the Village of the map, afterward).

Bad Weather

Most events move into Hawthorne.

Volunteer

Sign up at mympca.org.

Questions

Email president@mympca.org or ask on [facebook.com/groups/26403899150/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/26403899150/).

Remember ...

Bring some cash for food, photo booth, and beer (and your ID).

SEPTEMBER DATES

2 (8a)	Mayor's Court
2 (7p)	Planning & Zoning
9 (7p)	75th Anny Planning
12 (10a-8p) .	75th Anny Celebration
13 (1p-5p)	Railway Garden Tour
14 (7p)	Council Meeting
16 (8a)	Mayor's Court
16 (5p)	Villager Deadline
16 (7p)	MPCA Meeting
19 (9a-4p)	Village Garage Sale
21 (7p)	Coffee with Council
23 (6:30p)	Candidates Night
28 (7p)	Council Meeting
30 (8a)	Mayor's Court

MP Community Association News

Playground Equipment Razed

In the August *Villager* (minervapark.org/villager/2015-08.pdf), Mayor Eisentrout reported about the unsafe condition of the playground equipment ... and subsequently put out a call for help with its destruction.

Your Community Association responded. On Saturday, August 22, more than 40 residents gathered for a good old-fashioned playground equipment razing.

One thing is clear. Replacing it will cost money, and our thanks to MPCA Vice President Donna Kopecky, who has started gofundme.com/MinervaParkPlay to accept your donations, or donate direct by contacting president@mymcpa.org. The goal is to raise \$5,000 by spring 2016. In the meantime, there will be much research about what to replace it with, seeking



Photo credit: Julie Everhart Sherwood

grants to help offset the costs, and fundraising. Your suggestions and donations will be appreciated ... get involved by emailing president@mymcpa.org.

Our thanks to the many volunteers and to those who helped supply good eats for the crew. •

Save the Date

MPCA Children's Halloween Party - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2p-4p.
Community Building - Costume prizes, snacks, crafts, etc.

Family Fun Night

On Saturday, July 18, giggles and laughter could be heard at the pool, marking another successful Family Fun Night. The children enjoyed croquet, soccer, ring toss, tic tac toe, wickets, javelin toss, sidewalk chalk art, soap bubbles, hula hooping, spin art, tug-o'-war, coin toss, and the 10' long ice cream sundae.

Our thanks to the many volunteers - Brian, Dani, Leslie, Ava, Aleah, Colton, Arlene, David, Sam, Orlando, Sean, Sean 2, Josiah, Tony, Christian, Brandon, Tom, Dick, Lynn, Jean, Gina, Bill, Jerry, Bethany, Russell, Lisa, Steve, Glenda, Jenny, Donna, William, Mindy, Michael, and so many others!

Community Assn. Officer Elections

The MP Community Association (MPCA) Annual Meeting and officer elections will take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., at the Community Building. Your Community Association oversees the many social events throughout the year ... children's parties, wine & cheese evenings and family fun night at the pool, the community garage sale, meet the candidates, garden awards & garden tour, Christmas carriage rides, the annual Resident Directory & the monthly Villager newsletter, and more.

Residents interested in running for an officer position may submit their name, contact information, and reasons why they want to participate. Submissions to the Nominating Committee can be made via

email to president@mymcpa.org or in writing by dropping off the information in the MPCA mailbox inside the Community Building door.

Also, there are several committee positions to be filled, so please reach out if you are interested or have any questions.

Deadline to step forward for one of the officer positions - September 9. Deadline to volunteer for your Community Association - none ... your Community Association needs help ALL the time!

Opportunities to "give back":
President, Treasurer, Membership Committee Chair, Volunteer Coordinator.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



August has been a busy month. I remember, under a previous administration, August was a time when most elected officials took a hiatus. With all of the irons we have in the fire right now, I cannot imagine this Council, the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z), or my office taking any time off.

Golf Course: Village Engineer Mike Flickinger, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger, P&Z, and I met to discuss additional design guidelines before M/I Homes files a pre-annexation agreement,



Coffee
with Council

Residents are invited ...
Monday, September 21
7:00p Community Building
 to have "Coffee with Council."
 This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.

preparing to operate under our new rezoning ordinance and the TIF Agreement taking effect. Our first meeting in August took two hours. I will chair a combined meeting of the Village Council, P&Z, Legal Counsel, and the Village Engineer in early September. As always, I will keep you updated as we move

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

through the process.

Veterans Memorial: Please watch for an update about the proposed Veterans Memorial in a coming issue of the Villager.

Pool: With the weather improving, we are seeing more revenue at the pool. We will have a full financial report for you when the season ends and the books are closed.

Playground: At my request, our Loss Prevention Representative conducted an inspection of the climbing structure, and the >20-year-old structure was deemed unsafe for our little residents. It was demolished on August 22 with the help of several Village volunteers, taking less than an hour to take down. Thank you to MPCA president Dani Wolf, husband Brian, and Councilman Michels for the refreshments you provided. Read about it on pg 2.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held on August 10, except for Dave Way who was excused.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger gave his monthly report. One resident has been summoned into Mayor's Court for ignoring repeated citations to clean up the property, obtain a fence permit for a chain link fence already installed, and replace the dilapidated fence. Scott also continues to address tall grass and weed issues, property upkeep, illegal trailers, etc.

EMS/Fire: Chief Hoehstetter reported that 16 members have been dropped from the Department roster because of inactivity (no duty time on a shift). He is addressing some hydrant issues. See article on pg 7.

Police: Chief Nuesse and

Legal Counsel met with the group home administrative staff and

Franklin County Children's Services to discuss some of the issues and complaints that neighbors have relating to the home. Police Department staffing remains a challenge. Good candidates are few and far between. With the current social climate toward police officers, she is not seeing the quality of applicants that we want serving Village residents. All efforts are being made to continue the search for suitable employees to complete 24/7 coverage. She asked that residents be aware of what they put in their mailboxes because there have been some more reports that mail is being taken. Also, some air conditioning units have been stolen to sell for scrap metal.

I hope to see you all at the Village's 75th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 12. See pg 1 for details.

Council Committee
Reports



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

Safety, Todd Walter. No report submitted.

Service, Jennifer Pauken. Three vendors responded to our request for prices for curbside leaf pick up, and the work was awarded to John McKinney, who may be familiar to some. John has performed leaf pick-up for the Village in the past, and, during the

last few years when the Village was unable to provide this service, he independently reached out to residents to pick up leaves on a house-by-house basis. We anticipate that collection will begin in mid-October (depending upon when the leaves begin to fall) and hope that residents will be pleased with this service. As always, please feel free to contact me at mp-pauken@minervapark.org or 891-5880 with any questions or concerns.

Streets, Ed Detwiler. The Village is working with our engineering firm and our legal counsel to prepare a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) for slurry sealing. Because the Village last did slurry sealing so many years ago, we are developing new product specifications and updating legal requirements for potential contractors before we issue an RFP. It is expected that this new template easily can be updated for future projects. Any residents who wish to report damage to their streets are encouraged to contact me at 895-0465 or at edetwiler@minervapark.org.

Community, Dave Way. No report submitted.

Finance, John Michels. The Finance Committee met on August 12 to discuss replacing the playground equipment. Thanks to many volunteers and help from Local Waste who supplied a dumpster, there was little cost to tear down the old equipment. Story on pg 2. The Committee reviewed pricing for new equipment from the State Term Schedule and determined that it would be cost prohibitive to fully fund the replacement. Instead, the Finance Committee recommended that Council approve up to \$7,500 toward new equipment, with the intention that matching funds could be provided by private

donations and some funding from the MP Community Association. Subsequently, MPCA Vice President Donna Kopecky set up a gofundme.com/MinervaParkPlay account to accept your donations. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for September 9 at 8 a.m. Questions can be directed to jmichels@minervapark.org or 273-9026.

Legislation, Pam Park-Curry.

The Legislative Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 18, considered legislation approving the annual purchase of a new police cruiser in 2016, confirming appointments of police officers Matt Delp and Jeremy Pacha, and approving the employee manual. There was a lengthy discussion of the legislative calendar that Fiscal Officer Jeff Wilcheck presented to Council and other legislation on the horizon. We discussed the timeline submitted to us for legislation concerning the MI Homes development. The consensus was that the timeline was too aggressive and did not allow for a thorough discussion by Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission, once plans were submitted.

You may have noticed that many of the legislative meetings have been scheduled during the day rather than in the evenings. Those daytime meetings have been very beneficial when working with other Village officials. The legislative meetings are more productive when the Fiscal Officer is at the meetings because he is responsible for Village legislation. Jeff works full-time and is at the Community Building during regular working hours Monday through Friday, which often can work well for the schedules of Jennifer Pauken and Ed Detwiler who are the other members of the Legislative Committee. The daytime meetings also work well

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when the committee is working on police or code legislation and can meet with our Code Enforcement Officer Scott Doellinger or Police Chief Kim Nuesse.

Legislation listed below is posted at the Community Building and at minervapark.org/legislation. Updates since the last report include:

Resolution 2015-24 -

Authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application for body video equipment. 1st reading, 2nd & 3rd readings waived, passage

Resolution 2015-25 -

Declaring a decommissioned police cruiser as surplus property, authorizing its disposal by sale. 1st reading, 2nd & 3rd readings waived, passage

Resolution 2015-26 -

Declaring the EMS squad as surplus property, authorizing its disposal by trade. 1st reading, 2nd & 3rd readings waived, passage

Resolution 2015-27 -

Proceeding with placing a 1.9-mill renewal levy on the November 2015 ballot. 3 readings, passage

Resolution 2015-28 -

Ratifying services for bond counsel to issue debt for the new EMS squad. 3 readings, passage

Resolution 2015-29 -

Authorizing a contract with AmeriCoat to repair the Community Building parking lots. 3 readings, passage

Resolution 2015-30 -

Authorizing a contract with John McKinney for 2015's leaf pick-up program

Ordinance 12-2015 -

Authorizing the purchase of an EMS squad. 1st & second readings, 3 reading waived, passage

Ordinance 13-2015 -

Establishing the EMS Vehicle Acquisition/Bond Fund and EMS Vehicle Bond Retirement Fund. 1st reading, 2nd & 3rd readings waived, passage

Ordinance 14-2015 - Increasing the salary of the mayor to \$30,000. 3 readings, passage

Ordinance 15-2015 - Amending appropriations for year ending 2015 . 1st reading, 2nd & 3rd readings waived, passage

Ordinance 16-2015 -

Authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$110,000 for purchasing an EMS squad. 1st & 2nd readings, 3rd reading waived, passage

Ordinance 17-2015 - Amending appropriations for year ending 2015. 1st reading

If you have any questions, please contact ppark-curry@minervapark.org or 890-5809. •

Forest Living

By Scott Doellinger, Code Enforcement Officer

Autumn is on the way, and with cooler temperatures and diminishing daylight, deciduous trees shed their solar collection panels ... uh, leaves. This results in leaf-covered lawns with the leaves smothering and seemingly damaging the grass (it will recover). Minerva Park's ordinances require removal of leaves from lawns [11273.10 (h)] and street gutters [660.05 (a)].

Residents can effectively remove the leaves by several methods. The extensive article in the October 2013 [Villager \(minervapark.org/villager/2013-10.pdf\)](http://minervapark.org/villager/2013-10.pdf), by resident and Green Team member Karen Cogley, offers a variety of options. Here are a few.

1. I use a mulching lawn mower on all but the heaviest concentration of leaves.
2. Rake the leaves and compost them on-site or bag them for pick-up by Local Waste Company or take the leaves out of the Village to a nursery that composts them.
3. Rake leaves TO the street (not IN the street) for the Village contractor to vacuum them up. Details will be in the October newsletter. Why is it important to NOT rake leaves into the street? Because the Village storm sewer system will be strained (possibly costing the Village quite a bit of money for remediation) and because they clog the sewer intakes, often causing flooding. Please be MP neighborly and help keep the sewer intake in front of your property cleared of debris to help prevent flooding.

A more threatening condition exists with the demise of the ash trees. Most in the Village are now dead because of the emerald ash


borer, and aging trunks, branches, and root structures are becoming more unstable.

A Village ordinance requires maintenance of trees growing on private property and on adjacent street rights-of-way [660.14 (a)]. Dead or compromised trees near streets are of particular concern if they fall across the roadway and block emergency vehicles.

Haven't properly maintained your trees? A falling tree can cause considerable damage, injury, or loss of life. Your insurance company can refuse a claim and deny liability. This could leave you with a great deal of financial exposure, something that easily can be avoided. So please tend to your damaged or dead trees.

What's the value of trees to your property? We found a website, treebenefits.com (coauthored by Davey Tree Company in Kent OH), that calculates the value of a 41" sugar maple at \$446 annually, in reduced utilities and increased air quality, etc. It would intercept 7,083 gallons of stormwater runoff annually. It would increase your property value by \$113 this year alone, and would add 550 sq.ft. of leaf surface area. It would conserve 429 kilowatt hours of electricity. It would absorb and help avoid pollutants, like ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, dust, ash, and smoke and help lower air temperatures. It would reduce atmospheric carbon by 1,906 pounds.

So as you face another autumn of raking fallen leaves, please look skyward and say a quiet "thank you" to our canopy of trees, and let's do what we can to keep them healthy for many years to come. They're worth it. •



Village Financials

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

July 2015

Beg balance general fund.....	\$385,611
Receipts.....	\$70,851
Disbursements.....	(\$117,464)
Ending balance.....	\$338,998

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RESIDENT



As in the past, Minerva Park's ballot will be published in the November issue of the Villager. It offers voters an opportunity to review the candidates and issues before you vote. You may mark your choices and take them with you to the polls.

Please note that Minerva Park will have candidates and a RENEWAL property tax levy on the ballot. Running for Mayor will be Lynn Eisentrout. Running for the two open Council seats will be Tony Benedetti, Michael Braun, and Russell Dobbins.

Additionally, residents will be asked to renew its existing 5-year, a 1.9-mill property tax levy for general operations of the Village. This levy, like the three others that have existed for many years, provides vital revenues to the General Fund. Records indicate the 1.9-mill levy on the ballot this

November has been approved and supported by residents going back to 1985.

If residents renew the 1.9-mill levy, it would bring in approximately \$63,100 annually to the Village. Because it would be the renewal of an existing tax levy – not a new tax levy – it will not increase your taxes.

If residents do not renew the 1.9-mill levy, those property taxes would cease to be collected, and future budgets and General Fund services would have to be adjusted accordingly for the loss of revenue.

In 2010, when residents last continued the levy, it generated est. \$73,630. Since then, MP property values have declined, as they have throughout the country, and now the levy would generate \$63,100 annually. A similar loss has been experienced with the other property tax levies of the Village. The loss in revenue has been offset by budget adjustments and the increase in the income tax approved by the residents in 2014.

See the full MP ballot in the November issue of the Villager. Attend Candidates Night on September 23, 6:30p, Community Building. •

Candidates Night

Wednesday, September 23
6:30p • Community Building

Candidates' Night this year will focus on MP candidates' races and the renewal levy. Story at left.

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Fire Hydrant Pressure Test

By Chief Rick Hoechstetter
Minerva Park Fire Department

A recent hydrant pressure test revealed that, while the hydrant in question worked and water flowed, the water pressure was less than optimal. In some



cases, this may be remedied by manually opening the hydrant's "watch valve" more than it already is. I checked with Columbus Fire about what would happen if they had to use a hydrant with low pressure and was told that they would just call another engine; each one carries 1,500 gallons of water.

The MP Fire Department plans to reflush most of the Village's 90 hydrants again during the weekend of September 5-6 to ensure we can provide the maximum pressure available. Please do not do any laundry loads that weekend if possible.

If you have any questions about this or any other Fire Department programs, please contact us at 882-3375. •

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By Rose Hart, Resident
 rose_hart@hotmail.com

On September 12, 2015, Minerva Park will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. With this focus, this periodic personal-interest column interviews Village residents with the ultimate purpose of deepening our sense of community by helping us know our neighbors and our history.

Denise & Noel Mehlo

The Mehlo family moved to Jordan Road in 2008 ... in time for Christian to start 1st grade at Hawthorne Elementary. The previous year, Noel had been hired by the Federal Highway Administration in Columbus, and every night after work he looked for a house. Being the thorough researcher that he is, Noel attended a Village meeting and was impressed. He signed the contract on the house without Denise, who was still in Youngstown with the kids, trying to sell their existing home. She later signed the contract while in the hospital, without seeing the house.

After their move, the sewer line on the house collapsed. Dick Busick was helpful with the process of fixing it. Three weeks later, Hurricane Ike hit Ohio. All the neighbors came out to help with the fallen trees and branches, Rick Macarriston and Marcus Glenn being most helpful. Noel's research had proven true, with the good-neighborliness of the Villagers.

As students working for campus security, Denise and Noel met in 1992 while attending Marquette University in Milwaukee WI. It was love at first sight (more Denise's sight than Noel's, he says.) They lived only blocks away from Jeffrey Dahmer's apartment where he was killing and eating people. They saw him in

the courtroom—Noel for a criminal justice assignment and Denise out of curiosity. "Dahmer looked like a normal person," but they knew it was a historical event. They married in 1995.

Denise has a bachelors in cultural anthropology from Columbia University, Missouri. She was born in Kansas City MO and moved to Ohio with Noel in 1997 where he continued his studies at Ohio State. For the next three years, Denise's favorite job involved a longitudinal study of 14- to 16-year olds that continues to this day. She worked at Ohio State's Center for Human Resources Research where she entered questionnaire results into a computer, a new research tool at the time. She cataloged logical discrepancies in subjects' answers. Better than working, though, is Denise's staying home and raising their three children. She is often seen as a volunteer at Hawthorne's library, where she is known as the "Book Fair Lady."

While at Ohio State, Noel interned with the George Igel Co. on the earthwork for COSI. He graduated in 2000 with a bachelors in Soil Science, College of Natural Resources. His first job was with the R.D. Zande, a local engineering firm for the coal industry, designing the reclamation of land that had been coal-mined in southeastern Ohio. He also consulted with transportation projects, co-authoring an environmental assessment for Polaris Parkway. Those jobs led to a 7-year stint with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and a move to Youngstown. For the last 8 years, he's worked for the Federal Highway Administration, overseeing work for ODOT. He ensures that transportation projects in Ohio comply with federal, state, and local environmental laws and policies.

But Noel's favorite job is a far cry from what he is doing now. For three years, he thoroughly enjoyed his work in the U.S. military intelligence, proudly displaying his Soldier's Medal, issued for heroism in 1994

to then Private First Class, Noel F. Mehlo.

On September 13, 1994, he rescued a civilian who had suffered a heart attack while driving and veered off the entrance ramp, wedging his car between trees. With no way to get the doors open, a passing logging trucker produced a chain saw and cut one tree. High on adrenaline, Noel ripped off the passenger door. He fumbled to get the man's the seat belt off while the car and its carpeting were smoldering, a result of a gasoline leak. Noel carried the driver safely away from the car right before it exploded. There is no doubt that Noel saved the man's life. He lived, but Noel's lungs were permanently damaged in that car fire.

Noel's next favorite project was authoring a book about his grandfather, whose WWII records were destroyed in a St. Louis fire. Noel's book, "The Lost Ranger: A Soldier's Story," restored his grandfather to history. After the book's publication, Noel received a letter of congratulations from President George W. Bush. The book, in many university and military libraries, is available on amazon.com. The Mehlo children enjoy having their photos in their father's book.

During the two years of its writing, Noel met the only two



surviving U.S. Rangers who knew his grandfather, serving alongside him in the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, B Company. Elite infantry and the finest shooters, in Colonial days Rangers used guerrilla warfare to fight the British. In the Civil War, Ranger-type forces served in the Confederate army. Noel is working on a second book about the Ranger's history through WWII, to honor the men who sacrificed for our freedom.

The Mehlos enjoy living in Minerva Park, with its sense of community that originally captivated them. Maggie, whose birthday is near Christmas, likes the Carriage Rides because the riders sing "Happy Birthday" to her. For her 5th birthday,

she had a dress-up tea party at the Community Building, so enjoyed that sister Katie replicated the event for her own 5th birthday. Going into 5th grade now, Maggie will be "a top dog" at Hawthorne this year, with interests in science and art. Katie is excited about going into the 2nd grade. Both girls helped build and rode in MP's 4th of July parade float this year, both are Girl Scouts, and both play soccer. You often can see them at the pool. Older brother Christian enjoys being a Boy Scout and will start 8th grade at Heritage Middle School. He has many talents and interests, including soccer again (after a major knee surgery last year), track, viola, and mathematics.

Chewbacca is their loving dog of 15 years. In younger days, he helped the Brimfield Police track a criminal in a wooded area south of Kent. Rescued from a pound at 8 weeks, he's been a great companion, guard dog, and defender from all those pesky squirrels. He is well liked by neighbors, the mailman, and local police.

Help us celebrate Minerva Park's 75th Anniversary on September 12, 2015. Please contact MPCA President Dani Wolf to help coordinate these efforts and make it a great day of memory for everyone.

If you wish to be featured in "Getting to Know You" or suggest a neighbor, email rose_hart@hotmail.com.

Minerva Park

Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

A resident of Minerva Park Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center had dreamed of going on vacation somewhere warm and tropical. She wanted to fly on an airplane and watch the clouds pass by. She wanted to feel the cool water hit her feet as she dug them into the sand while sipping on a piña colada, but most importantly she had a dream no one knew about, to swim with the dolphins. On March 3, Clara got her wish. The announcement was made in resident council that she had won her spot and was going to go to Panama City Beach FL. Within seconds Clara's face lit up, and a huge smile took over. The very next day, Clara who had been wheelchair-bound and had no interest in participating in therapy was on the stationary bike. Every day Clara made strides in rehab. She was walking farther and farther down the hallways. The change was

instantaneous! She had drive and motivation. It was a different Clara. When you tried to get her to stop exercising and take a break, her response was, "No I'm going to the beach, and I have to get ready."

Within a couple months the final days approached and Clara was boarding Southwest Airlines for the very first time. Upon landing in PCB, she took a deep breath of the oceanic fresh air, and it was everything she hoped it would be. Clara got to enjoy the beach and have some delicious cold beverages with her pal and hotel roommate Linda. She went on excursions, ate out at restaurants, and went to Gulf World. Then Angie McAllister, Director of Culture Change for Signature Healthcare, approached Clara and asked if she wanted to swim with the dolphins. Angie had no idea this was Clara's dream, but Clara didn't have enough money. Minerva Park Healthcare, with Angie and Signature Healthcare,

882-2490

made this dream a reality. When asked what her favorite part of the trip was, Clara said, "Are you kidding? It was ALL of it! But I really liked swimming with the dolphins. I had a sense of freedom, being in the water with them, touching them. It was amazing. It was just wonderful and meant the world to me that Minerva Park Healthcare and Rehab would do this for me." She hasn't stop talking about this since she came back. She wakes up talking about it and goes to sleep talking about it. When she finally falls asleep, her roommate Velma at the home says, "Thank God."



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Community Association Membership Drive

MPCA representatives will be visiting soon, asking that your household become an MPCA member. Dues are only \$20/year and underwrite the many events that help make Minerva Park a special place to live. This is your opportunity to update your contact information in the Resident Directory. Please contact Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 to volunteer some of your time to help with this effort.

Underwritten by your \$20 MPCA dues



Garden Railroad Tour

The Columbus Garden Railway Society (thecgrs.org) is a unique, organization whose goals are to have fun with garden railroading

September 13 (1p to 5p) marks its Open Garden Tour, with MP resident Pat Waddell (2791 Alder Vista Dr.) on the route of 18 homes, stretching from London OH to Westerville to waaay southeast Columbus.

Pat's "Back in Time RR" features a new Pennsylvania RR traveling through a tunnel and over 2 bridges, toward a talking toad, singing birds, gnomes, and a lighthouse with a waterfall. Included are many shops, a

car wash, garage, campground, large farm, many 1950's and 1960's vehicles. An Emmett Kelley Jr. circus train surrounds the miniature big top tent, performers, audience, menagerie, and more.

Learn more at thecgrs.org/2012_Open_Garden_Tour.php.



MPCA Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

September 19 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$5 plus 10% of your proceeds

\$10 Late Registration Fee (you will not be on the map)

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

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

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.

Registration packets will be delivered to sellers before the event. Volunteers (with an official MPCA badge) will 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, or advertising.

NO unauthorized sales

This event is a fundraiser for your Community Association.

NO food or drink sales

This is also a fundraiser 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 or give-aways at residences, please.



Registration deadline - September 12. Enclosed is my check for \$5, payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2015 annual garage sale FUNDRAISER. I will submit 10% of my proceeds that afternoon.

I'm registering now for the Sep 19 garage sale.

- May 30
- Sep 19

Registration MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER

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- July** - MP Police made no arrests.
- 2.... 10:46p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd, domestic dispute
 - 4.... 8:33p, 2900 blk Berry Lane Ct, fireworks prohibition
 - 6... 8:00p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, juvenile complaint
 - 29.. 7:45a, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, person found deceased
 - 31.. 8:00p, 2400 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft •

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July 2015

Medic 119 made 15 runs - 4 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park, with 14 patients transported to local hospitals.

9 members volunteered a total of 155 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,596.9 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tim Lockard** (43.5 hours), **Cory Hutchison** (26.5 hours), and **Tom Baillett** (17 hours).

MP Runs

- 7-7 Injuries from fall
- 7-29 Cardiac arrest

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MPCA Facebook - facebook.com/groups/26403899150/
Village website - minervapark.org
Police Facebook - facebook.com/minervapark.pd



the Villager

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MPCA President Dani Wolf..... 937-1994

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.

Next deadline: Wednesday, Sep 16, 5p

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