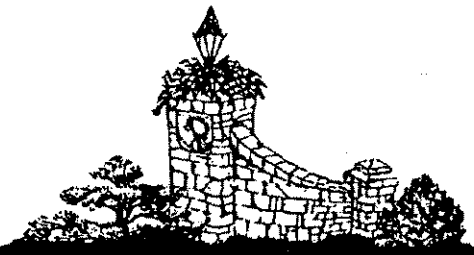


the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Founder's Day Celebration Scheduled

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and join your neighbors for food, fun, and a little history at Minerva Park's first Founders' Day celebration, Saturday, July 25. The event, to be held in and around the Community Building from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., commemorates the creation of the Village of Minerva Park on July 25, 1940.

The celebration will feature a little something for everyone. Local historian Bob Stuart will make a presentation explaining the village's

metamorphosis from a turn-of-the-century amusement park to a residential community. A brief tour will identify the sites of former buildings and other features.

Children of all ages will enjoy several activities, including a visit by animals from the Columbus Zoo, games, and a moon walk

ride. Activities and games are also planned for adults.

Grilled food, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Volunteers from the Minerva Park Fire Department will cook and serve the food.

This year's Founders' Day program replaces the annual July

4th celebration and biennial parade. The MPCA made the switch in hopes of improving the turnout and developing a village-centered event. If residents show an interest in making this event a new tradition, the MPCA will add festivities,

possibly a parade and carnival rides in the future.

The Founders' Day Committee could use a few additional people to bring desserts and staff the event. Please contact Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895, Nancy Fry at 890-6845, or Felicia Busick at 794-3862 if you'd like to help.

**Founders' Day
Saturday, July 25
Community Bldg. Area**

11 - Noon Historical presentation by Bob Stuart
11 - 3 Moon walk, games
Noon - 12:30	... Tour of historical sites
Noon - 2:30 Lunch
1:30 Zoo animals

Please note: The parking area will be closed for this event, so we encourage all nearby and able-bodied residents to walk or ride bikes to the celebration.

Lake Dredging Update

Second Study Identifies Silt Levels, Costs of Expanded Lake Dredging

After some residents expressed interest in expanding the lake restoration project to include the entire lake, Council commissioned a second study of the south lake last month. It examined the area from the Community Building east to the dam. Overall, Metropolitan Environmental, the dredging company, found that the average sludge level in the area is less than three feet. Dredging this region's 8,500 cubic yards (1.72 million gallons) of sludge would cost an additional \$115,000.

The following is a summary of Metropolitan's analysis of the three general regions in the study:

The first area had a depth of five feet with no sludge. The second region had a total depth of nine feet with an average of four feet of silt. The area directly in front of the dam

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JULY CALENDAR

- 11 (11a-2p) Lunch & Splash
- 11 (7p - dusk) ... Private Garden Tour
- 12 (1p-6p) ... Public Garden Tour
- 13 (7p) 1999 Budget Hearing
- 13 (8p) Council Meeting
- 15 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 17 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 25 (11a-1:30p) Founder's Day

**... LAKE DREDGING
cont'd. from Page 1**

is the largest of the three zones, measuring 400 feet long by 100 feet wide. This area has a total depth of seven feet with two feet of sludge. The study also revealed that this area had a large number of concrete blocks and rock, possibly from previous attempts to reinforce the eroding shoreline. This debris would complicate dredging.

Dave Stahr, councilman heading the project, said residents must decide if it is worth the added expense to clean out the entire south lake at a cost of \$365,000 or if the village should stick with its original proposal of dredging the almost-filled, western third of the lake at a cost of \$250,000. Both plans would include aeration, restocking, and shoreline improvements.

In addition to requests for total restoration, a few residents expressed concerns about road damage from the tanker trucks that will move the sludge if dredging is done. According to the Village Engineer Eric Chenevey, the Ohio Department of Transportation reviewed the data and said that some damage might occur, but it would be minor, if any. Chenevey also pointed out that Minerva Lake Road would be scheduled for repaving at some time in the future, whether or not the lake is restored. While it has been slurry sealed numerous times, the road has never been repaved.

The lake will be discussed & the

**bond amount will be decided at
the July 13 Council meeting**

for it to make the deadline for inclusion on the November ballot. Council would like your input in this matter, so they encourage you to voice your opinions to a Council member, complete and return the enclosed survey, or speak up at the July Council meeting. **MP**

Safety Corner

By your
Fire Department



July - Fireworks Safety Month

Even after Independence Day, the chance for injury resulting from mishandling of fireworks remains present. Ohio law allows the sale and use of "novelty" items, such as sparklers and fountains, but many types of "class C" fireworks are also present. These items produce much larger displays of flames and pops and can move unexpectedly.

Regardless of the type of fireworks, care must be taken to prevent injury. We would like to offer some suggested safety guidelines, because the best emergency preparedness is prevention:

- Never allow children to play with fireworks.
- Do not permit anyone to hold or point fireworks once lit.
- Do not permit anyone to try lighting broken or fuseless fireworks.
- Do not approach fireworks that have been lit and *appear* to have gone out.
- Read the directions. Many types of fireworks contain a "report," a loud bang that comes at the end of a display.

Each year, more than 5,000 people are injured in some way that involves fireworks. Fireworks are designed to produce showers of flames and sparks, or explode. Please treat them with respect. Stay well, stay safe. For help *any* time, call 911.

Lunch & Splash Fundraiser

Saturday, July 11

11:00a-2:00p - Community Building

Sponsored by your Firefighter's Association

Come for a picnic lunch on the lawn of the Community Building and get your car washed, too! The Firefighter's Association promises many things:

- Lunch will be every bit as delicious as it was at the Garage Sale.
- You will be amazed by the actual color of your car.
- No one wearing a bathing suit will walk away dry.

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Car Wash	\$10	Hot Dogs	1.00
Cheeseburgers & Brats	2.50	Potato Salad, Egg Salad	.75
Hamburgers	2.00	Chips, Pop, Treats	.50

Come early for the best seats.

There will be no better dinner show in the village this day!

MP Garden Tour

Several residents are showing their gardens as part of the open garden tour sponsored by Columbus Parks & Recreation:

Open Sunday, July 12
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- 5336 Ponderosa, Jeanne Blair
- 3201 Minerva Lake, Betty & Tony Beatrice
- 3119 Minerva Lake, Helen Pilkington
- 2559 Lakewood, Pam & Tim Curry
- 2571 Lakewood, Alison & Steve Laudon
- 2816 Lakewood, Mary Yost
- 2806 Maplewood (open until dark to show the night lighting), Jack & Gerline Lude

MinervaFlora needs
YOU. Call 882-5444
to volunteer.

For MP Residents ONLY:
Open Saturday, July 11
7:00p - dusk

All these yards (except 3119 Minerva Lake) will be open for MP residents & their guests.

Come by either time or both, greet your neighbors, ask questions, admire, learn, and have fun.

On either day or at any convenient time, admire the community beds. See your tax dollars & dues at work, growing in the following locations:

- Front & rear of the Community Building.
- Island by the Golf Course on Minerva Lake Rd.
- Bed at the east end of Maplewood.
- Bed at the east end of Lakewood.
- Bed at the intersection of Briar Rose & Lakewood.

BLOCK WATCH

Editor's Note: The Block Watch training sessions provided a lot of useful information about home and neighborhood security. Here we pass along some more ideas for making our homes and community safer.

Vacation Security Checklist



1. Lock all doors & windows.
2. Leave all shades and blinds in their normal positions.
3. Advise a trusted neighbor of your travel plans and ask him/her to watch out for suspicious people and/or activity around your home and property.
4. Call the police department at 882-1408 or 882-5743 for a vacation house watch. Provide them with emergency numbers, key holders, and other security details. They will have a cruiser drive by periodically to check your property as time allows.
5. Don't allow deliveries of any kind to accumulate on your doorstep. If you do not wish to cancel deliveries, arrange for a neighbor to pick them up. Don't forget to have your mail held for your return or picked up by a neighbor.
6. Arrange for lawn mowing or snow shoveling at proper times.
7. Connect one or two lamps and perhaps a radio to an automatic timer. They are inexpensive and help to make your home appear occupied.
8. Refrain from publicizing your exciting vacation or trip until *after* your return.

See Page 4 for a Related Block Watch Article

the Villager Staff

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The Villager is distributed to all Minerva Park homes on the 1st Monday of each month inside a plastic hang bag - either alone or with advertising flyers. Residents are invited to submit articles, letters to the editor, & other items of interest by the deadline. There is a drop box at the Community Building and on the Editor's front door.

A business-card size advertisement costs \$10 and must be prepaid. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and phone number.

Next deadline:
Friday, July 17, 5:00 p.m.

Block Watch Needs More Participants

The Minerva Park Block Watch program is in desperate need of captains and volunteers in every part of the village, especially on Jordan, Park Lane,

and Ponderosa. Captains are responsible for overseeing the activities of three or four volunteers, depending on the size of the street.

The Block Watch program is a valuable resource in reducing crime in neighborhoods, but it takes the participation of a large number of residents to be

successful. Please consider volunteering to serve in the program. The time required is minimal, and your efforts can keep crime from occurring at your home and in your neighborhood.

For details or to volunteer, contact **Chief Bob Hillard** at **882-1408** or **Lynn Eisentrout** at **891-0895**.



Letter to the Editor 6/98

Village council members received an unsigned letter on May 13 from a concerned citizen protesting that we as a council have banned the feeding of ducks on our lakes. We have not banned feeding the ducks, only redirected where they should be fed. As stated in the June *Villager*, we are attempting to "erect a sign ... posting specific rules governing the use of the lakes." With this sign, we are hoping to ensure the continued pleasure of many older and younger citizens," not to end it.

As a public servant, I would continue to encourage the residents to voice concerns and share opinions with their government representatives. However, when we receive unsigned [communications], it makes any kind of follow-up very difficult.

Lynn Eisentrout
Council President

Letter to the Editor 6/98

Somewhere in the distant past, there were lots of game fish in both the north and south lakes. I know, because I pulled a few big mouth bass out while teaching worms to swim. In the 1940s and 1950s, there were little or no carp in our waters. Some unspeakable cad used carp minnows and threw the leftovers in the lake. Carp are bottom feeders, keeping the lake bottoms muddy. They multiply and multiply until there are no clean areas. Thus, by now, we have prime herds of carp and nothing else.

I attended the first session about the lake clean-up. The subject of fish did not come up. The last issue of the *Villager* mentioned 'good fishing' again. This is not possible without poisoning everything in both lakes. Throwing the poison in the water is simple. Getting the permits and being ready to remove all the floaters is a whole nuther subject. Once it starts, I'm moving in with Mayor Murray. It had better be in winter - the smell would gag a maggot. Dead carp make great fertilizer but getting them to where they would be welcome is a real fun exercise.

Once the lakes are clear of all finny things, a period of time would be required to let the waters cleanse themselves. Game fish could be obtained from the state. After

another couple years, bragging game fish could be caught. I'm not sure about the use of the two lakes for fishing without state licenses once the state donates fish. They are in business to sell licenses. MP residents will have to decide if they are willing to let big government (the state) sell licenses for us to fish in our own waters.

Something else needs to occur. It should be a strict law with heavy fines for using minnows of any kind. Bait dealers will sell carp minnows with a straight face, thus the only fail safe system would be to ban the use of all minnows.

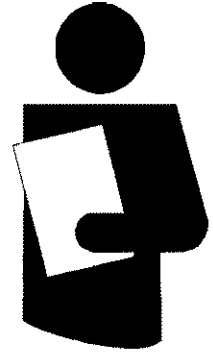
On the plus side, our lakes could once more be a valuable resource. Kids could start using lures and take home edible food. [Other than getting donated fish from the state], a second scenario would be to buy baby fish somewhere. The plus of giving our young folks a close-to-home hobby might be worth the agony.

Richard L. Paugh
2860 Minerva Lake Rd.

Pet Care - 14-year-old boy will take care of your pets while you are away ... small animals in his home ... dogs & cats in yours. Several years' experience. Call Steve at 891-2532.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



At last! The Minerva Lake Road water line replacement project is finally underway. The bid packages are ready, and the bid opening is scheduled for July 1. This will put us several weeks behind our original schedule, but we hope to get the job finished this year with the possible exception of the necessary landscaping repair.

The damage to our EMS vehicle, involved in an accident last month, came to about \$6,000 according to the first quote. As was reported earlier, no one was seriously injured.

Ameritech has finally installed the promised pay phone outside the community building. There was much discussion as to the best location, but because no two opinions were the same, I told the phone company to surprise us. No surprise ... they put it where they had to run the shortest length of wire.

The fire department is getting quotes on painting the fire hydrants on the south side of the village. It is anticipated that volunteers will do the work. So if

you always wanted to decorate a fireplug, call Jan Staats at 882-5743 and ask to be put on the list.

The chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission asked that anyone requesting a permit to construct or repair a structure to please provide a complete description, including as much information as available and a site plan showing exactly where the work is to be done. This information should be submitted at least a week ahead of the P&Z meeting, which is the first Thursday of each month. Your attendance at the meeting is very helpful.

The township has started its mosquito spraying program, with the first on May 28. This will be done every few weeks depending on temperature, wind speed, and rain.

Council approved funding for traffic control paintings for Jordan Road, covering an open pipe on Westbridge, and drainage of water ponding at Maplewood and Cleveland Avenue.

Brochures will be distributed to provide information on the proposed lake dredging, which will be on the

November ballot.

Council approved renewing the general liability insurance policy for the village with the U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company for another year. Council also approved a contract for auditing the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles records for Minerva Park.

Our autumn leaf collection contract was awarded to McKinney Landscaping, the lowest bidder at \$14,400. We received two bids, which were only \$325 apart.

The north outerbelt widening between Westerville and Dublin is now in full swing. The current construction is focused on the Westerville section. The major traffic pattern change will be the closure of the I-270 eastbound ramp to I-71 northbound. The ramp will remain closed until August 1999.

Character is what you have, if you do good deeds when nobody is looking.



Minerva Park
Police

The police had 46 dispatched runs and 43 non-dispatched runs ... and assisted Blendon Township on 18 runs, Columbus PD with 4 runs,

and Franklin County Sheriff's Dept. with 4 runs. There were 15 traffic citations issued.

Calls included 8 thefts, 1 criminal damaging, 1 telephone harassment, 17 suspicious people, 16 suspicious vehicles, 3 animal complaints, 8 motorist assists, 1 dead person, 1 911 call, 3 false alarms, 3 disturbance calls, 1 domestic dispute, 1 menacing, and 1 auto fire.

Editor's Note: Next month, we will reinstate a detailed report from the Police Department.

Council to Hold Budget Hearing

The Village of Minerva Park will hold a public hearing to present the 1999 budget on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting. Residents are invited to attend and ask questions.

MPCA Notes

NCC Rep Still Needed

The MPCA is still looking for another person to represent Minerva Park on the Northland Community Council. This person should be someone who's familiar with the village and the surrounding area. To apply, contact Nancy Fry at 885-6645.

Scholarship Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply for the Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship has been extended until the end of July. All graduating seniors who are residents of Minerva Park are encouraged to apply. Contact Beth Durchbichler at 302-2935 for further information and an application.



Plants of the Month

With all the cool weather and rain, our **annuals** – that have been in the ground for a month or more – have done nothing so far. But look for them to shine next month. I always say that I can't count on my annuals to start contributing to the look until July 4th. On the plus side, all the **pansies** except those the rabbits ate, are looking as good as when they were planted late March.

The **kousa dogwood** has been in bloom for a full month. This tree starts blooming as soon as the leaves come out, and shortly after the **common dogwood** finishes. A beautiful specimen may be seen at **2732 Minerva Lake (Lambert)**. There is a rare pink form also, but it's hard to find.

The **hydrangeas** are very noticeable now. There are numerous **oak leaf hydrangeas** in the park, none larger nor more spectacular than **Grubb's (2759 Maplewood)**. These plants are prized for their tolerance of shade and for their long season of bloom with their white flowers turning pink and later brown. As the season progresses, when mature, they can reach 10 feet high and 12 feet wide. There is a new

Flora Says

By Mary Yost

variety, **Pee Wee**, which only grows to 4 x 3 feet. There is also a tree form (**Pee Gee**) which blooms later, and a climbing version that likes a chimney or a brick surface on the north side. Unfortunately, the beautiful blue & pink flowered types are not hardy in our zone. However, there is one at **2992 Minerva Lake Rd.** that is covered with pink blooms every year. Whether it has a perfect protected location or is an extra hardy variety, I don't know.

The **roses** – like everything else – bloomed early this year, and most will rebloom. Frequent rains caused many to develop **black spot**. There was no way to spray them often enough, and plants that develop black spot become defoliated. This then keeps them from blooming well. Rose lovers who don't want to spray could plant some of the **shrub roses** or my old friend, **The Fairy**, seen in the north corner of the golf course. A couple of years ago, the **Carpet Rose** was introduced in cherry red. Now I understand other colors are available. **Krenek's (2736 Lakewood)** have found it to be hardy & carefree and have used it effectively with **dwarf blue spruces** and **stella d'oro day lilies**. All roses do best in the sun.

This also has been a great season for **clematis**, which comes in white, pink, red, lavender, and purple. It needs wire to climb on, and many people use it at the mail box or light post. It is also possible to wrap a downspout with chicken wire and get a fine display. Most in limited space look best if cut back each year. There was a handsome pink one covering a brown



Storm Drains



Please be MP neighborly and help keep the storm drains cleared of debris. After all, a wet basement is something we all can relate to!



mailbox at **3263 Minerva Lake (Phelps, Fox)**. In

addition, in the peak of the garage roof and by the front door, there are large wreaths of pink, rose, and purple **impatiens**, which are watered through clear plastic hoses by attaching a regular hose to them once or twice a day.

I admired **lavender petunias** combined with **salmon pink geraniums** in the lamp post bed and near the front entrance at **2632 Maplewood (Goggins, McGregor)**. Both enjoy the sunny location. **John Friedel**, manager of the pool, loves his **impatiens** and gets them to grow well in the sun by frequent watering. His pots are off to a good start. In addition, a bed under a tree has been created in memory of former resident, **Linda Best**.

I hope you all are enjoying the **impatiens** in the new containers provided by the **Community Association** and placed near the benches at the playground and along the lake. These annuals and those at the front of the Community Building are provided from the budget of the Community Association each year. The other trees, shrubs, and perennials (and their maintenance) comes out of the village fund. Because of unavailability of water at most of the community beds, the **MinervaFlora Committee** has chosen for color plants that tolerate hot, dry conditions: **rudbeckia, baptista, threadleaf coreopsis, coneflower, day lilies, sedum, yucca, spirea, red bud, crab apples, and blue junipers**. For the shadier areas, we have used **hostas, mahonia, ferns, myrtle, and euonymous** (both emerald and gold types). While you may be able to raise most any plants for the existing sun/shade & soil conditions, it is disappointing when blooming plants don't bloom. MP

MINERVA PARK

DID YOU KNOW?

The **RUSTIC BRIDGES**

By Bob Stuart

There were many references and photos showing various bridges which crossed the lake at one time or another. In reality, I can identify only four bridges, with different purposes and railings.

There were two "Rustic Bridges." The earliest rustic bridge was the carriage road bridge which extended from Wildwood Road directly to the east side of the smaller north lake. Just to the south of this bridge was the trestle trolley bridge (see the bridge in the foreground of the 10th installment in this series). The second rustic bridge was the taller of the two bridges seen in the photo. This bridge was constructed

in 1896 to serve the Casino's vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The lower bridge in the photo was the wharf/bridge which crossed due east of the second rustic bridge and, as explained earlier, served as the wharf for the swan boats and as a means for supporting the water lines which extended from the watertower



to service the Casino fountain and restrooms. This bridge is seen in the foreground of the lake view photo attached to the 13th installment of this series.

15th in the series

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

May 1998

In May, Medic 119 made 79 runs with 15 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 8 into Minerva Park. Forty-eight patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1,023.8 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,665.9. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur** (108 hours), **Tom Pickett** (93 hours), and **Anthony Huffman** (82 hours). **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-

date totals with 698 hours.

MP Runs

- 5-4 2789 Maplewood, personal assist
- 5-5 5392 Ponderosa III person
- 5-13 ... 2567 Minerva Lake Rd., chest pain
- 5-15 ... 2829 Minerva Lake Rd., man trapped
- 5-20 ... Station 119 walk-in, vertigo, n/v
- 5-26 ... 2955 Minerva Lake Rd., injured person
- 5-30 ... 2985 Minerva Lake Rd., chest pain

Mowing & Trimming - Joshua Buckingham, Minerva Park resident & student. 890-5316.

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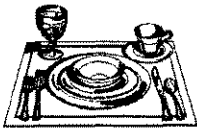


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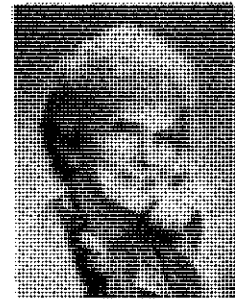
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Lake Restoration Project Survey

TO: All Minerva Park residents
FROM: Minerva Park Village Council

Many of the residents at the May lake meeting said they would pay a bit more to dredge the entire south lake to near its original depth. The current proposed project would do only part of the lake. We would like to hear from all our residents to see what level of restoration they would be willing to fund. Please read the following information and complete and return the survey to us.

Your responses to this survey will help Council determine whether to put a \$250,000 or \$365,000 lake restoration bond issue on the November ballot. Even if the issue passes, Council and a team of community members will continue to seek grants and donations to defray project costs. Any money received will be used to reduce the loan and the total amount residents will pay. *The bond amount must be decided at the July 13 Council meeting in order to meet the submission deadline for the November ballot.*

The State of the Lake

Over the last 25 years, silt has filled in about one-third of the lake, with the average depth of the remaining lake now between five and 10 feet. As the lake continues to fill, it will provide more breeding ground for mosquitoes and will become a smelly eyesore. And by the year 2012, the south lake will no longer support fish and other types of aquatic life. Such deterioration will certainly adversely affect property values throughout the community.

Dredging Details

Why dredge in Spring 1999? The lake depth and water quality studies are current and paid for; water quality is still good enough that disposal of sludge doesn't require hazardous material handling; we have a free disposal site; and bond interest rates are at their lowest in 30 years. If passed, the project would take about two or three months, depending on the extent of the dredging. It would take a short time for the lake to recover from the disruption and it would be restocked with sport and other fish. The lake would again be clear and would support a variety of plant and animal life that cannot currently survive there. For additional information about the project, please consult the articles in the June and July *Villager* or contact a Council member.

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Please read all of the following selections and check the one you agree with. To have your opinion counted, please detach at the dotted line and mail to 2829 Minerva Lake Road or drop in the box outside the Community Building by July 13.

I do not wish to or I cannot afford to have the lake restored. I understand that delay of the project could greatly increase the cost of dredging later. I understand that, in about 12 years, approximately two-thirds of the lake will be gone, it will not support aquatic life, and will become a smelly eyesore and a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

I would be willing to pay about \$36 a year (\$3 per month) for 17 years for a partial restoration of the lake. I understand this \$250,000 project would only cover dredging from the Community Building parking lot to the west (upstream)-an area now only inches deep, erosion control, aeration and restocking with a variety of fish. The finished lake would range in depth from five to 10 feet.

I would be willing to pay about \$48 a year (\$4 per month) for 17 years for a complete restoration of the lake. I understand that this approximately \$365,000 project would dredge the entire lake and pay for erosion control, aeration and restocking with a variety of fish. The finished depth would range from five to 15 feet deep.