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Existing “Box” on New Cab & Chassis

Squad 119 is sporting a new look these days. Chief Rick Hoechstetter offers this question & answer review...

What was wrong with the old squad?
With 180,000 miles, several things were breaking on our 14-year-old squad—a 1991 Ford E350. The belts were lasting an average of 90 days, we were burning a quart of oil weekly, it wouldn’t start in the cold, the heat and A/C didn’t work, the oxygen system and air shocks both leaked, and the fuel injector pump failed again.

What work was done to rehab Squad 119?
The existing EMS “box” was placed on a new and better cab and a stronger chassis. The new truck is a 2005 E350 Super Duty Turbo Diesel. The electrical system and the floor of the “box” were completely replaced, the A/C was upgraded (eliminating the freon), the oxygen supply lines were fixed, a new smart power source was added that will solve the problem that used to kill an alternator every few months, the unit was reupholstered and repainted ... along with a variety of other little “fixes.”

Why didn’t we just buy a new squad?
It would have cost $85,000 to $130,000 to get something similar to what we have now.

How much did the rehab work cost instead?
The total spent was $67,000. We expect to get 10-12 more years out of this squad.

Where did you get the money to do the rehab work?
The Fire Department maintains a vehicle capital fund. For many years, we budgeted $10,000 for capital expenditures. If we didn’t spend it that year, the money rolled over into the vehicle capital fund ... which over the past 14 years had accumulated $84,000. Because of the Village’s tight financial situation, our budget has been cut in half – to $5,000.

What about the next time?
We were able to “rechassis” the vehicle this time and save money because the “box” was built to be moved once. The next time we have to replace the vehicle, we won’t have this option. We are looking forward to improved Village finances, and we also plan to save aggressively.

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Browns Home Opener - 1 FREE raffle ticket on any order of $8+
In last month’s Villager, I briefly discussed the 4 mill replacement levy that is on the May ballot. Your continued support of this levy — which will expire the end of June — is vital. Your Finance Committee, Clerk-Treasurer, Council as a whole, and I reviewed the financial situation of the Village to determine what steps needed to be taken to improve our overall financial health and to plan for the future. We included projected revenues from this levy, hoping that our residents would again support this levy – as you have since the 1980s. The rate is 40 cents for each $100 of valuation for the next five years. The revenues will go into the General Fund for Police, EMS, and street & infrastructure repair & maintenance, etc. Referring back to the “2004 in Review” report in the February issue of the Villager, you will remember that Village officials have made some significant strides in procuring grant funding and are continuing to do so. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call any Council Member, the Clerk-Treasurer, or me.

John Smith (Certified Arborist & AEP Forester) and Tim Wells (AEP Community Liaison) were guest speakers at the April Council meeting. AEP needs to trim our trees next to their power lines (they will be marked with blue). In some cases, AEP may determine that a tree should be cut down (they will be marked with red), but AEP is well aware how much Minerva Park values its trees and will take into account several factors in making their decisions, including the age, size, and health of the tree and how it may be impacting the power lines. If they determine that a tree needs to be cut down, they will attempt to contact the homeowner (by personal visits and/or door hangers). The homeowner will be responsible for removing the wood. After the recent power outage, I think we all understand the importance of a clear distance between the trees and power lines.

Steve Glinsky (a senior mechanical designer) spoke to the Council about needing to replace a waterline that runs from Hawthorne School to Minerva Lake Road. The plans have been submitted to Columbus and will be reviewed by our Village Engineer. The project will probably commence in July and conclude by August.

All Council Members were present at the regular Council meeting held April 11. The following Departmental Reports were made:

**Police** - Chief Hillard reported that his department will receive two new, **FREE** Dell computers from the Ohio Department of Justice as part of the Homeland Security Grants, for sharing information between police departments throughout the state. The new police bike has arrived and should be out on patrol this month. He and Clerk-Treasurer Coulter will attend a **FREE** seminar to become certified to write grants for the Office of Criminal Justice Services. We were awarded a grant to replace the old bulletproof vests used by our officers for many years.

**EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter reported that they will be picking up the refurbished EMS vehicle, discussed further on page 2. They continue to have problems with the garage door opener and are trying to repair it themselves.

**Engineering** - Mike Flickinger reported that any slurry sealing for Minerva Lake Road should be done in the first three years after it was paved. We need to get some estimates for gravel to level out the pool parking lot. Mike, a rep from a potential developer, and I met with the City of Columbus to discuss what steps need to be taken to address sewer capacity and infiltration & inflow of the golf course property.

**Legal** - Law Director Kyle Stroh introduced Bruce Bailey, senior partner of Metz & Bailey. Kyle reported that the Sewer Agreement has been further revised, the ordinance for driving under suspension is ready to be considered, and the pool lease and grant agreement have been researched, and the accompanying legislation is also ready to be considered.

**Planning & Zoning** - A variance was granted for a 4’ rear property line to erect a shed. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed the list of code violations.

**Community Association** - Councilwoman Bierman reported that Lake Clean-up will be April 30, 8:00a. The Annual Garage Sale will be May 21.
Northland Community Council - Beautification work will continue along the 161 area.

Pool - Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that their marketing efforts are going well. Their pre-sale was quite profitable - they sold about 108 memberships and made almost $17,000. They will send out a survey to Village residents in conjunction with the YMCA. There will be a Dessert Extravaganza after the Garage Sale at the pool for Village residents. The Pool Board is exploring the possibility of vending machines instead of the concession stand.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - See Councilwoman Bierman's report under MPCA above.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval of the then-and-now purchase orders for the Minerva Lake Road project, approved. Approval was given for the warrants, totaling $72,650.19.

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

Ordinance 01-2005 - Authorizing MP to enter into a sewer agreement with the City of Columbus, to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, second & third readings waived, passed.

Ordinance 02-2005 - Establishing a drug-free workplace program. Second reading accepted.

Ordinance 03-2005 - Codifying a Minerva Park “driving under a suspension” law, to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

Resolution 2005-04 - Authorizing MP to enter into a contract with the Columbus Police Crime Laboratory for lab testing services. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2005-06 - Authorizing MP to enter into a contract for general liability insurance. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-07 - Authorizing MP to enter into a lease with the MP Pool Board, to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

Resolution 2005-08 - Authorizing MP to enter into contract with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office for dispatching services, to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

Resolution 2005-09 - Authorizing MP to enter into a grant agreement with the MP Pool Board, to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr reported that the fountains in the south lake will be turned on within the week. The Mayor reported that, when the company attempted to reinstall them and turn them on, the cables had been tampered with and two had been “gnawed through,” probably by muskrats. She approved a tubing to protect the cables by encasing and submerging them. Councilman Stahr asked the Council to reconsider installing fountains in the north lake to aerate it in light of the fish kill last summer. This was tabled at this time. The stone wall by the earthen dam and walking path has been vandalized; the police chief has ordered increased foot patrol in that area. The new bike patrol will be assigned to that area as well. The retainer basin needs to be cleaned again.

Service - Councilman Marty Grosh had nothing to report at this time but will begin working on the dam project.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano, the Engineer, and the Law Director will review the bid proposal for the mill & fill project for North Bay, Wildwood, and Cardinal Court. The timeline includes one month for publicizing and accepting bids. Post cards will be sent to residents on those streets before the project starts, probably in June.

Minerva Park’s Ballot

Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Minerva Park for the purpose of current expenses at rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $4.00 for each $100 of valuation, for five years, commencing July 1, 2005, first due in calendar year 2006.

☐ For the Tax Levy
☐ Against the Tax Levy

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 3, 17, 24 - 6:00p.

If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

March 2005

Complete payments - 20
Village Computer Fund ....................... $ 100
Village General Fund .......................... 3,814
Remitted to the State ......................... 400
Total Court Receipts ........................... $4,314
Bird-Feeding Tips
By resident Mike Sponsler, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

As winter gives way to spring, many Minerva Park residents will pack up the bird feeders. STOP! Many experts believe there is no other wildlife recreational activity that is based more on folklore and less on facts than wild bird feeding. As a result, many of us have adopted fallacies as fundamental truths in our quest to enjoy wild bird feeding. And perhaps the biggest myth is that winter is the only appropriate time to feed birds. Research indicates that seed-eating birds seek artificial seed sources much more intensely in summer than they do in winter!

Scientific research has shown several factors will enhance your wild bird feeding experience. In Minerva Park, we are blessed with the most important factor, an abundance of diverse bird habitats, i.e., trees, bushes, grasses, and waters. We need only bring the birds closer through selection of effective foods and attractive feeding stations to increase our viewing opportunities and enjoyment.

"Best" Management Strategy

The quality of the wild bird food provided and the feeder type and location are the major factors that will influence bird viewing in MP. Foods vary greatly in their attractiveness, and some bird feeders have a much higher innate attractiveness. For the most and widest variety of birds in your backyard, one need only know WHAT foods are most attractive to WHICH species and HOW the birds want to eat it. In general, the best strategy will be the following:

1. Feed oil-type sunflower seeds (or comparable seed, such as hulled sunflower) in feeders appropriate for the desired species, e.g., small, short perched elevated feeders for smaller less aggressive species such as goldfinches, chickadees, and titmice. A review of research by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services documented the clear superiority of oil-type sunflower over black stripe sunflower and demonstrates the lack of attractiveness of many seeds sold as bird food. Surprisingly, the report found that wild bird food mixes that are most commonly sold are not preferred by birds. Wild bird foods shown to be inefficient and therefore to be avoided include cracked corn, wheat, and milo.

Unfortunately, the bird feeding public has been trained by the bird food industry to use wild bird food mixes, which contain a high percentage of the poor foods. This usually results in lower feeding efficiency, wasted money, and other problems such as spoilage and attracting pests. Unmixed high quality feeds are really more efficient and reduce pest and potential spoilage problems. However, the mixes will receive use, and ground-feeding birds like juncos, house sparrows, mourning doves, and cardinals will clean up some of the foods kicked out of the feeder.

2. Use ground or platform feeders. Another surprising finding of the research is that the most universally attractive mode of food presentation is to place the food on the ground. Despite their ability to fly, most birds do not prefer to feed on elevate perches, because they have evolved to feed on seeds that fall to the ground.

3. Feed white proso millet on the ground on large low platforms. Proso millet is round white seed that dominates most mixes. Millet is important if a variety of native ground feeding sparrows is an objective. Cardinals, doves, and juncos feed on it also.

4. Place feeders strategically. Choose a location where the birds are easily viewed from your home. Some nearby bushes or thickets allow the birds to inspect the feeders for danger before they fly in to feed. There is no need to have an excessive number of closely arranged feeders as less aggressive species will be discouraged. Placing feeders too close together results in less use than if they were more widely distributed.

Squirrels & Hawks

No article on bird feeding in MP is complete without addressing the squirrel "herds." Unfortunately, many of the "squirrel-proof feeders" currently on the market are also unattractive to birds. Most experts believe it is far more sensible to use an attractive bird feeder and protect it from squirrel-raiding parties with baffles. Or you can enjoy the squirrels as an added wildlife viewing opportunity.

MP is fortunate to support habitat for a variety of raptors. I commonly see Sharp-shinned and Red-Tailed Hawks. I consider the presence of bird-eating hawks at a feeder as a great bird-viewing opportunity rather than a "problem." Seed-eating birds have very high reproductive rates, and bird populations can tolerate a very high mortality rate without being adversely affected. Predatory bird populations are determined by the amount of prey. Therefore, the presence of hawks should be viewed as a sign of a healthy seed-eating bird population.

Let’s keep attracting birds to bring even more beauty to Minerva Park!
MP Police Officers made 1 felony arrests and 11 misdemeanor arrests. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

3-2 .... 7:01p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated menacing
3-4 .... 2600 blk Maplewood Dr., criminal mischief reported
3-7 .... 11:26a, Blessed & Dressed, 5428 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
3-10 .. 11:45p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., felonious assault
3-13 .. 11:00p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., harassing telephone calls between 3-7 & 3-13 reported
3-19 .. 10:43a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
3-19 .. 7:15a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., annoying telephone calls reported
3-22 .. 10:40p, Storage Inns of America, 5199 Westerville Rd., false alarm
3-25 .. 10:53p, stolen vehicle recovered by Patrolman Fenstermaker
3-30 .. 12:39a, Storage Inns of America, false alarm

The Villager has limited space. If anyone is interested in more information regarding arrests by MP Police, please contact us at 882-1408, M-F, 9a to noon. Pursuant to the Public Records Act, you have a right to know. If you are interested in all the activities involving the MP Police, please call ... I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Chief Bobbie Hillard

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

March 2005
In March, Medic 119 made 43 runs - 10 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 27 patients were transported to hospitals.

20 members volunteered a total of 707 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,085. Leading volunteers for the month were Eric Johnson (80 hours), Tina Quinn (72 hours), and Tim Lockard (61 hours).

MP Runs
3-2 ...... Injured person
3-16 .... Injured child

DO NOT DELIVER LIST

Twice weekly, plastic baggies containing advertising are left at residences, either at the mail box or near the front door. The company that distributes the advertising maintains a “do not deliver” list.

If you are getting the advertising but do not want to, call 1-800-837-4342 and ask to be put on the “do not deliver” list. If you are not getting the advertising and want to, call 1-800-837-4342 and ask to be taken off the “do not deliver” list.
MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER
Saturday, May 21
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration deadline: May 19
Cost: $5 plus 10% of your proceeds
$5 Late Registration Fee after May 19 (you will not be on the map)

It’s time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don’t miss out!

As in the past, the $5 registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps for distribution. There is also a $5 late registration fee, so please be prompt.

This is one of the MPCA’s biggest annual fund-raisers, so please do not cheat your community of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association is attempting to fund several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for your fair contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2005 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for $5 payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” to the event coordinator, Dianne Poncinie, 2718 Alder Vista Dr., 882-0012.

Registration packets will be distributed this year on May 20. Late registrations can be made that evening, but you will not be on the map. Volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3:30 and 4:00 the day of the sale, as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact Dianne Poncinie at 882-0012 if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

NO unauthorized sales
NO food sales
This is also a fund-raiser 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 sales at residences, please.

Dessert Extravaganza for MP Residents at the Pool ... 6-9p
Bring a dessert to share with MP friends.

Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2005 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER.

Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

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