

The Village of Minooka

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Mayor's Message

The staff here at Village Hall would like to thank and dedicate this issue to Steve Thornton, who has been the Village Building Officer in a fair and even-handed way these last 15 years. We wish him nothing but the absolute best in his well-deserved retirement.

Respectfully,

Ric Offerman, Village President



The Village Administrator

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator

Community Spotlight

Minooka Memorial Day Parade 2023

On Monday May 29th, the Minooka American Legion Post 1188 hosted the annual Memorial Day Parade through downtown Minooka and a Memorial Service at Veterans Park.

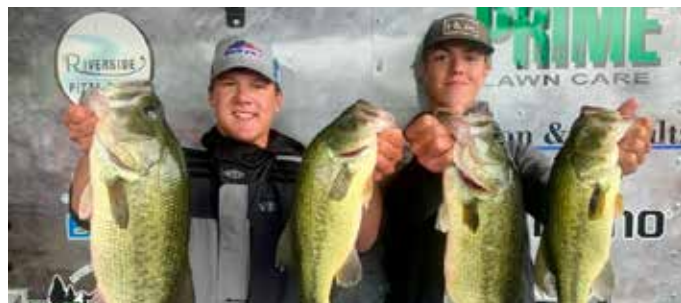
The Post would like to thank everyone who came out that day, making it one of the best parades they have had in years.

Photos by Kahlan Brunner



Minooka Captures Its First State Championship in Bass Fishing

On Sunday June 11th, Hunter Petrovic and Hayden Host competed in a 100-boat tournament against schools from all over the state and brought home a major win for MCHS and the Minooka Anglers Club! What's more, Hayden reeled in the biggest bass caught at the SPC Championship and largest weight in SPC history. Hunter, with an impressive five wins last season, and eight top five finishes and six top 20 finishes, was named All-American by Bassmaster.



Hunter Petrovic (left with tournament big bass) and Hayden Host with the final day winning bag at the the Illinois Bass Nation High School State Championship on the Des Plaines River.

Minooka Community
Picnic
in the **Park**

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday,
September 17th
1pm to 4pm
at Lions Park

GRUNDY COUNTY
Chamber
of COMMERCE

CHANNAHON - MINOOKA
Chamber
of COMMERCE

GRUNDY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

BIRDIES, BOGEYS & BREWS GOLF OUTING

Presented By:
D'Arco

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 8
11AM - 3PM

Registration Fee Single/Foursome: \$110/\$460
Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Course for golf,
and then off to Will County Brewing in
Channahon for drinks, lunch and raffles!
For more information email Events &
Marketing Director Lena Wickens
at lena@grundychamber.com

HAPPY
4TH OF JULY FROM
VILLAGE OF MINOOKA!

OFFICES ARE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4TH!
GARBAGE SERVICES TUESDAY-FRIDAY WILL
BE DELAYED ONE DAY
THIS WEEK ONLY

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Kiwanis

CHANNAHON-MINOOKA

Want to help children and families in your community? Kiwanis is for you!
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5pm, Minooka Village Hall
4th Wednesday of the month, 5:30pm, Channahon Village Hall
www.facebook.com/KCOCM/ kiwanischannahonminooka@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT

After
Minooka Police Department
National Night Out
Lions Park Minooka

Movie starts at dusk
AUGUST 1, 2023

Make sure you bring the family
to the
Minooka Police Department
National Night Out
from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Don't forget to grab your lawn chairs
and blankets and stay for the movie.

For more information
dawn.niner@minooka.com

MOVIE NIGHT

JULY 15, 2023
LAKEWOOD BALLFIELD MINOOKA

Dungeons & Dragons
Bring your lawn chairs
and blankets
to enjoy a movie under
the stars.
Free kids craft before
the movie, 7pm.
Movie starts at dusk

FOR MORE INFO Dawn.niner@minooka.com

MCHS HOMECOMING WEEK SEPT. 5-9, 2023

MCHS Registration

2023-2024

Juniors & Seniors
Tuesday, July 25
South Campus Cafeteria

Freshmen & Sophomores
Wednesday, July 26
South Campus Cafeteria
9 a.m. to Noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

MCHS

Freshmen Experience

August 9th, 2023

7:35 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. | South Campus
26655 W. Eames Street, Channahon, IL 60410

**MINOOKA COMMUNITY
RESOURCE FAIR**

AUG. 12. 23
9 AM - 12 PM

**MINOOKA COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH CAMPUS**

26655 W. EAMES STREET CHANNAHON, IL 60410

Find Your Voice Summer Reading for All Ages

June 12-July 22

Everyone can find their voice this summer, no matter what age you are! Earn badges and prizes, plus entries into drawings, when you register for summer reading and log your reading and activities on Beanstack. **Registration for summer reading is open at trpld.org/summer-reading through July 22.**



Baseball Bus Trip: Chicago White Sox Game: All Ages

Friday, July 7, 4:30pm-11:30pm, Bus leaves from Channahon Library, 25207 W Channon Dr

Join us for Fireworks Night at Guaranteed Rate Field to cheer on the Chicago White Sox or Saint Louis Cardinals. Each ticket is \$55, which includes coach bus transportation to the game and an outfield reserved ticket to the 7:10pm game. Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Check-in at Channahon Library at 4:30pm. Bus leaves promptly at 5pm and will return approximately 11:30pm. **Registration and a waiver are required for each person.**



Family and Youth Programs:

Astrological Chart & Dream Journal: 12-17 Years

Friday, July 7, 4-5:30pm at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channon Dr
What's your sign? We'll delve into the world of astrology to find your unique birth chart and what it means for you. Design a dream journal to document your travels through the cosmos. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Climb Your Family Tree: Families

Tuesday, July 11, 11am-12pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Learn how to uncover your family's roots as our resident genealogy pro gives you tips and tricks for uncovering more about your ancestors while you create a beautiful family tree to take home. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Standing Up for Me - Talking Boundaries & Color Tag: 12-19 Years

Friday, July 14, 4-5pm at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channon Dr
Learn to strengthen your own voice when talking to others about your physical boundaries, then join us for a game of color tag on the lawn. It's going to get colorful, so be sure to wear clothes that can go home a different color! **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Learn Tunepad!: 12-17 years

Tuesday, July 18, 5:30-7:30pm at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channon Dr
This workshop is an introduction to the basics of this internet based program that uses coding to arrange music. We'll learn how to code a basic beat and then let you explore and create on your own. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Find Your Rhythm Drum Circle: K-2nd

Tuesday, July 20, 10-11am at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channon Dr
Find your own rhythm on a drum or other instrument. You can even play a rhythm on your own body! **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Jim Gill: Live in Concert: All Ages

Saturday, July 29, 11am-12pm at Shabbona Middle School, 2001 Dupont Ave, Morris
Get ready to sing, clap, dance, and spin to the silly song stylings of Jim Gill! This family-friendly concert is open to all ages. **Registration is required to save your seat at this in-person program.**

Adult Programs:

Three Rivers Book Club: Adults

Wednesdays, August 2, 7-8:30pm at Arrowhead Community Center, 24856 W Eames St, Channahon
Join us for lively discussions of adult contemporary literature! New members are always welcome. Copies of the current selection are available for checkout at both libraries in advance of the meeting. **July: All Creatures Great and Small** by James Herriot **August: The Family Upstairs** by Lisa Jewell. **No registration is required for this in-person club.**

Making Change - A History of LGBTQ Activism: Adults

Tuesday, July 11, 6-7pm via zoom or join our watch party at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Professor emeritus, John D'Emilio, will discuss the history of LGBTQ activism in the U.S., from the 1950s through the present day, including the Stonewall uprising in 1969. **Registration is required to receive the zoom link or to join the in-person watch party.**

Intro to Podcasting: Adults

Thursday, July 13, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Local podcasters and psychic sisters, Jennifer James and Jill Stanley, will share how to get started podcasting, what tools you need, and how to market and engage with your audience. Their podcast, Common Mystics, explores spirit stories they've uncovered in their travels and their psychic processes for tuning into the spirit world. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

How to Find and Share Your Voice: Adults

Tuesday, July 18, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Do you have a story inside you or a message the world needs to hear? Join WriteOn co-founder & co-leader, Denise M. Baran-Unland, as she helps you find and nurture your writing voice, craft and polish your words, and explore ways to share your content with the world. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Pints & Pages Book Club: Adults

Wednesday, July 26, 7-8:30pm at Iron & Glass, 104 Ridge Rd, Minooka
Bring your own snacks and enjoy a pint or two while we discuss the current selection, My Sister, The Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite. New members are welcome to join this casual book club! **No registration is required.**

When You Wish Upon a Star: Adults

Tuesday, August 16, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Walt Disney famously said, "I hope we never forget that it all started with a mouse," but did it? As Disney celebrates its 100th anniversary, we'll discuss the history of many Walt Disney films & the studio itself. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

Genealogy Basics - Immigration and Naturalization Records: Adults

Thursday, August 24, 6-7:30pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave
Learn strategies to tell your immigrant ancestor's story, including passenger lists and naturalization records along with tips for finding other clues to connect with their homeland. **Registration is required for this in-person program.**

The Village of Minooka has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and follows the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) guidelines.

Did you realize that the Village has over 2,500 storm water catch basins and inlets within the Village limits that collect water from streets, parking lots, ditches, yards, roofs, etc.? The storm sewer pipes convey all the water from the inlets and catch basins and then discharge it to detention ponds, creeks, streams, and rivers. Illicit dumping or discharges to areas adjacent to each catch basin or inlet create problems beyond one's belief.

Public Works Control Measures

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Enforcing Construction Site Runoff Control
- Enforcing Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Resident Control Measures

Just walk through your neighborhood and see what is taking place that may have a positive or negative impact to the storm water watershed.

Here are some of the negatives you may have observed:

- Homeowners discharging grass or raking leaves or other organic materials into the street. These materials will ultimately end up in the curb catch basins and then into storm sewers, detention basins, and receiving streams. Large amounts of decomposed materials have to be removed from catch basins in order to prevent storm sewer pipes from becoming plugged and sedimentation building up within detention basins. This type of maintenance costs all of us.
- Concrete trucks washing out in the gutter after supplying concrete for a building project.
- Homeowners dumping waste, motor oil, antifreeze, or paint products into a catch basin.
- Parked vehicles on the street dripping fuel, motor oil, anti-freeze, or other fluids.

Some positive storm water practices taking place are:

- Keeping grass clippings in your yard and not on the street by mulching or bagging the clippings that may normally be discharged into the street.
- Collecting used motor oil or paints and bringing them to a recycling center or disposing of them in a proper manner.
- Collecting rain water from your home's downspouts in a rain barrel and using it to water your plants.
- Properly following labels on fertilizer and herbicide products and not using them in areas that may run directly into bodies of water.
- Not watering your lawn excessively, preventing runoff from going into the street - and planting vegetation in a manner that slows water runoff.
- Adopting roadside ditches and picking up refuse that has been thrown from vehicles or has blown in; this is a good community service project for various organizations.
- Picking up animal waste from your pet and disposing of it properly.

If anything is noticed to be a negative effect on the storm water watershed, please contact Public Works at 815-467-8868.

Resident Care Matters!

Check around your neighborhood for anything harmful to storm watershed!



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE REMINDERS:

7-3-2: HEIGHT LIMIT:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding one foot (1') anywhere in the village, and such plants or weeds exceeding such heights are hereby declared to be a nuisance. (1977 Code; and. 1997 Code)

7-1-4: BURNING OF WASTE MATERIALS:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn waste materials within the village limits, except as regulated herein. Any person violating this section shall be punishable as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code.

GRUNDY COUNTY LAND USE



- **Children's Used Book Drive**
June 1st – July 14th 2023
- **Latex, Oil, and Aerosol Paint Recycling**
May – October 2023
- **Tire Recycling Event**
Thursday July 13th - Saturday July 15th
at Olson Recycling, 354 W. Jackson Street
(W. Route 6), Seneca, IL
- **\$25 Composters for Sale until supplies last**

For more information on each of these programs, please visit www.grundycountyil.gov/land-use/ or call (815) 941-3228.

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chaplain's Corner

We All Have a Response - Ability

The election cycle is upon us. I know it's in 2024, but this is the perfect time to make a very important decision. The commercials, debates, slogans, ideas, are all about to flood our social media and 24 hour news cycle. So, as we enjoy summer barbecues, soon celebrate our nation's birthday, and enjoy the summer of 2023, let's collectively make a decision now to work on how we are going to respond to everything that is about to enter our world.

Think about this: we all have response-ability. That is, we all have the ability to choose our response... to... well... anything and anyone.

What if our kids, our young adults, see in us a willingness to 1. Disagree without being disagreeable, 2. Open ourselves to other ideas while holding on to our own values and beliefs and, 3. Dismiss ideas that we cannot accept while not being dismissive of others and accepting others different from us. The Apostle Paul knew this and he wrote, "Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Our kids are watching.

Our young adults are watching. They will likely reproduce the example we leave. Let's leave behind peace, kindness and grace. If you would like to talk more about this, or anything else on your mind, I would be glad to buy you a cup of coffee. carlosgarcia@missionbible.church

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

VILLAGE ORDINANCE REMINDERS

July 4th, the day we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence! It is also a popular day people celebrate with fireworks. According to, Title 8 Chapter 2 Section 7 of the Village of Minooka's ordinance, fireworks are considered a nuisance and violations are subjectable to a fine.

8-2-7: FIREWORKS:

A. Nuisance: It shall be unlawful and a nuisance for any person, firm, copartnership or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks;

The Definition of "FIREWORKS" is: Any explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible OR audible effect of a temporary exhibitional nature.

Fireworks:	8-2-7	
First violation		200 .00
Second violation in a calendar year		400 .00
Third violation in a calendar year		600 .00

SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday August 1st, the Minooka Police Department is hosting their annual National Night Out festivities at Lions Park on McEvilly Rd from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This event helps bring residents, local businesses and the police department together, to help build relationships between neighbors and law enforcement. There will be free food, music and entertainment for the kids including the Jessie White Tumblers, bounce houses, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, balloon art and so much more!!



Back to School - Safety Tips:

If you are driving, remember these rules:

- Yellow flashing lights on a school bus means **SLOW DOWN** - don't speed up! The bus is preparing to stop.
- Red flashing lights means **STOP** and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins to move.
- Even when lights aren't flashing, **WATCH FOR CHILDREN**. Be alert as you back out of a driveway or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

If you are riding the bus, remember these rules:

- Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive
- **SAFE:**
 - Stay five steps away from the curb
 - Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.
 - Face forward after finding a seat.
 - Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing the street.

If you are riding your bike, remember these rules:

- Always wear a correctly fitted helmet and securely fasten the chin strap.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, and follow traffic signs and signals
- Stay in the bike lane whenever possible.
- Never use electronics while riding - they are distracting

If you are a pedestrian, remember these rules:

- Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
- Whenever they are available, use marked crosswalks to cross the street, and look left-right-left for vehicles or bikes before crossing.
- Make sure you never play, push or shove others when you walk around traffic.
- Everyone should watch the road, not their phones.

Cop on a Rooftop 2023

Thank you to everyone that came out on May 19th to see Minooka and Channahon police officers at this year's "Cop on a Rooftop."

Whichever Minooka Dunkin' location you chose, North or South, your amazing support raised over \$8,000 for Special Olympics Illinois through the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics! The Minooka Police Department loved seeing you all and cannot wait for next year!



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MISSION BIBLE CHURCH

We are excited to invite you to Mission Bible Church where we believe in being Real with God, Real with Each Other and Real in the World.

Great Church Giveaway

The whole community is invited to the Great Church Giveaway happening at the Minooka Campus on August 12th, 2023 from 8-11am. Not only will we have free clothes and other items, but there will be free haircuts available from 8:15-10:30am. Can't wait to see you here!



missionbible.church



[Mission Bible Church](#)



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[412 N Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447](#)

Mission Minooka

Saturday 5:00pm • Sunday 9:00/10:30am • 412 N. Wabena in Minooka

Mission Morris (meeting at Saratoga School)

Sunday 9:30am • 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16

ReEngage

Re|engage is a safe place where you will find encouragement and tools to strengthen your marriage relationship. This is a great group for all married couples whether your marriage is a 2 or a 10! This group meets Tuesday nights starting on August 22nd. You can register for ReEngage on the website at missionbible.church.

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship *We have moved! Join us at our temporary location at 24751 W. Eames St., Channahon, IL 60410 (CUMC)

Saturday in-person at 5 PM

Sunday in-person & online at 11:30 AM

(Please note worship will be at held at 9 AM on 7/2.)

FUTURE HOME

We will move to our permanent home on Ridge Road in 2023! Stay tuned to our website for updates. Worship times will change when we move. Our permanent address is 1210 S. Ridge Road, Minooka.



minookaumc.com



[Minooka United Methodist Church](#)



Future Home: 1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447

Free VBS!!

Join us for our FREE Stellar VBS! Channahon UMC & Minooka UMC will hold this event in combination with each other. VBS will be held July 16, 2023 – July 20, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm at Channahon UMC located at 24751 W. Eames Street in Channahon. Children 3 years old through 5th grade (grade in the fall) are invited. Register for this free event at minookaumc.com! Invite your friends and neighbors to attend!

"Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun."

THE VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays at The Village Christian Church

You're welcome to join us for In-Person church at 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka. Service times are at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Kid Village Classes will be open for both services, **infant-grade 3**.

Pulse 45 (grades 4-5) and **Pulse Jr. (grades 6-8)** meet during Sunday morning services.



thevillagechristianchurch.com



[TheVillageChristianChurch](#)



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[8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447](#)

Helping The Community-Mobile Food Pantries

The Village Christian Church wants to be an exceedingly generous church, giving BIG to help people in need. The Northern Illinois Food Bank will be distributing food at The Village Christian Church, 8965 South Bell Road in **Minooka On Monday, July 17 at 5 PM and Monday, August 28 at 5 pm.**

Distribution usually lasts about an hour and is first come, first served. Families will receive about a week's worth of food: dairy, bread, fruit and vegetables. There will be no proof of income, registration or I.D. required.

For more information check out: www.thevillagechristianchurch.com

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekly Mass

Saturdays: 5:00 PM • Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am

Confession

Saturdays from 4-4:45pm



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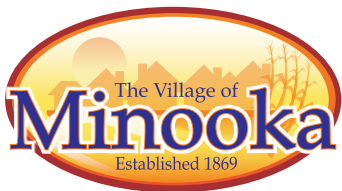
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This newsletter is being delivered to you as a postal patron of zip code 60447. Although much of the information included in this publication may be of interest, some of it directly affects only those who live inside the corporate limits of the Village of Minooka.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

The Village of Minooka encourages all residents to visit and participate in the Village Board and Committee meetings. Regular meetings of the Village Board are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. They are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Committee of the Whole meetings also take place at the Village Hall on the Wednesday before the Village Board Meeting. To verify a meeting date, please call the Village Hall at (815) 467-2151.

Village President

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Speak out! Suggestions! Volunteer!

Communicate with Minooka elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, volunteering, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response. Please complete this form, detach, and return to: Village Administrator, Village of Minooka, 121 E. McEvilly, Minooka, IL 60447.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Comment: _____



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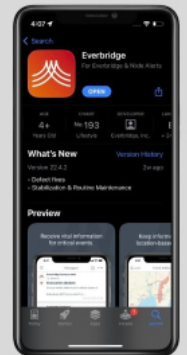
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- Search "Minooka"
- Select "Village of Minooka"
- Log in with your Everbridge username and password. If you don't have credentials, create them now.



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