The Village of Italian Colonial Colonia

Oktoberfest, 4th Annua

SUNDAY, OTH OCTOBER Of 12PM - 6:30PM

300 W. ST. MARY'S ST. MINOOKA, IL 60447 Outside Beer Garden & Music on St. Mary's St.

Live Bavarian Band!

STARTING @ 2pm

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National Night Out!

FULL GERMAN STYLE DINNER

1 Brat Dinner - \$15 2 Brat Dinner - \$20 Kids Meal - \$5

> * Includes Offerman's Famous Homemade Potatoe Pancakes

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Welcome to Your Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Hi Folks,

We hope your summer has gone well considering the heat and dry spells. We are now sneaking up on my favorite time of the year with the cooler weather and fall colors. Good luck to our fall sports teams and celebrations. Halloween will be here before we know it. Now, where did I put my mask?

Respectfully,

Ric Offerman, Village President



The Village Administrator

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator



New Business Spotlight



A new full-service dog and cat grooming shop is open in downtown Minooka and ready to take care of your furry friend. Dog Gone Grooming is open at 113 W. Mondamin St. in Minooka Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dog Gone Grooming is owned by Kelly McGovern and has seven employees.



"I have been grooming pets for 25 years and have worked in a few shops. I decided I wanted my own and opened my store, and it has been the best decision! We do full-service grooming that is all inclusive in the pricing," McGovern said.

In addition to dog and cat grooming, Dog Gone Grooming also will do creative grooming for your pet. "I absolutely love my job and every pet that comes through our doors. We make it feel very homey for you and your fur baby," McGovern said.



The Grundy County Chamber and Village of Minooka celebrated the new business with a ribbon cutting July 13. "Kelly and her team treat your pet as their own," Chamber President & CEO Christina Van Yperen said. "Not only will your pet leave looking great, but they will also leave even more loved than when they came."

For more information on Dog Gone Grooming, call 630-362-6677 or visit them online at doggonegroominglic.myonlineappointment.com.

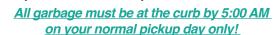




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UNLIMITED GARBAGE PICKU

September 11th - September 15th



- Additional refuse must be bagged or placed in a can not exceeding 32 gallons or 50 lbs.
- Loose items such as carpet should be bundled with twine, no more than 4 ft. in length.
- Place extra items at least 2 ft from the garbage/ recycling totes. Do not place items between the tote and the curb.
- Hazardous materials (batteries, gasoline, motor oil, etc.) will NOT be accepted.
- Electronics (television, computers, cell phones, etc.) will NOT be accepted.
- Construction material will NOT be accepted



Ticket includes catered dinner of traditional German cuisine Assortment of beer, wine, soda, and water will be available for purchase.



Live Music Performed By Ray Koncar and The Boys

Learn more at eventbrite.com Search for "Rotary Minooka Oktoberfest"

SILENT AUCTION • 50/50 RAFFLE BOOZE BUCKET RAFFLE

Rotary MONEY RAISED WILL HELP SUPPORT

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM CHANNAHON AND MINOOKA BASEBALL TEAMS SPECIAL NEEDS DAY AT THE THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHER LOCAL AND GLOBAL CHARITABLE CAUSES

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FESTIVITIES START AT 6:30PM.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND HOT DOG STICKS FOR A FUN TIME AT AUX SABLE SPRINGS PARK, TAKE A SPOOKY HAYRIDE THROUGH THE TRAILS AT THE PARK, THEN ENJOY FREE HOT DOGS, CHIPS, BEVERAGES AND MARSHMALLOWS AT THE COMMUNITY BONFIRE. SEE THE **BOY SCOUTS MAKE A PERFECT** FIRE BEFORE WATCHING THE **MOVIE MONSTER HOUSE**

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY 🛹 HALLOWEEN PARADE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH - STARTS AT 2:00 P.M.

ALL AGES, BUSINESSES, GROUPS AND CHURCHES WELCOME! PARADE BEGINS AT THE MINOOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE CORNER OF WABENA AND COADY

PASSING OUT CANDY AND LITERATURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS OR GROUP IS PERMISSIBLE. YOU MUST SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 20TH BY CONTACTING THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA. 815-467-2151 EXT. 3185. OR E-MAIL DAWN.NINER@MINOOKA.COM





dawn.niner@minooka.com





Band Night at MCHS · Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Minooka Community High School Central Campus Football Stadium

Food Trucks: 5pm Performance: 7pm



Minooka Community High School Marching Band invites our community to Band Night at MCHS Central Campus football stadium. Enjoy some delicious options from local food trucks and musical performance with the Junior High band students and a sneak peek at the exciting **MCHS Marching Band Field Show, Masqued**, inspired by The Phantom of the Opera!

Tickets will be sold for the **Masqued fundraising raffle** sponsored by the Band Boosters, with 4 cash prizes: two \$100, one \$300, and one \$500. MCHS Band Boosters will be pulling the winning tickets for the raffle after the performance. Winners need not be present to win.



Visit the library's events calendar at trpld.org/events to view the full range of events and to register for library programs. The libraries will be closed September 3 and 4 for the Labor Day holiday. Registration for most programs opens Monday, August 21 at 10am.

Family and Youth Programs:

Book or Treat: 0-17 Years

Saturday, October 28, 12-4pm at Minooka Branch

A book is a treat that can't be beat! Wear your Halloween costume and drop by to select one free book treat per child or teen. *No registration is required.*

Halloween Lock-In & Costume Contest: 6th-8th grades

Friday, October 13, 7-11pm at Minooka Branch

We're going all out for this after-hours event with zombie laser tag, games, and food, plus a costume contest with prizes! *Registration and waiver are required for this in-person program.*

Halloween Escape Room-9th-12th grades

Friday, October 20, 6:30-7:30pm at Channahon Library It is up to you and your team to track down a team of missing investigators at the haunted Hollywood Hills Hotel! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Storytime on the Farm: Families

Mondays, September 11-October 23, 4:30-5pm at Dollinger Family Farm, 7420 E Hansel Rd, Channahon

Enjoy story time in the crisp fall air as we read books, sing songs, and make crafts. *No registration is required.*

Crazy 8s

Thursdays, September 7-October 26 at Minooka Branch 5-8 years: 5-5:45pm | 8-11 years: 6-6:45pm

Crazy 8s returns with even more fun activities to build math skills! *Registration is required for this in-person 8-week program.*

The Craft Art Club: 12-17 years

Fridays, September 22 & October 20, 4:30-5:30pm at Channahon Library Create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork each month with our provided supplies. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Adult Programs:

Three Rivers Book Club: Adults

Wednesdays, September 6 & October 4, 7-8:30pm at Arrowhead Community Center, 24856 W Eames St, Channahon

Join the Three Rivers Book Club for a lively discussion of adult contemporary literature! New members are always welcome and *no registration is required for this in-person club*. Current selections are available at the Minooka Branch for extended checkout for book club members.

September: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff **October:** *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

The Life of Mister Rogers: Adults

Thursday, September 14, 6-7:30pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Dr

Historian Jim Gibbons discusses the life of Fred Rogers from his humble beginnings to his popular children's show, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

A Pirate's Life for Me- D&D One-Shot: Adults

Tuesday, September 19, 6-8pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Dr

Ahoy adventurer! Join us on Talk Like a Pirate Day for a pirate-themed Dungeons & Dragons One Shot on the high seas! Character sheets will be provided. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Black Sox, Billy Goats, & da' Monsters of da' Midway: Adults

Wednesday, September 27. 6-7:30pm at Minooka Branch Join fan-favorite historian, Clarence Goodman, as he returns to take us on a journey through Chicago sports history. *Registration is required for this*

Witches in the Stacks: Adults

in-person program.

Friday, October 13, 6:30-8:30pm at Channahon Library

Adorn yourself in your most enchanting witch-wear for a bewitching night in the stacks! Turn out for the costume contest, capture the moment at the photo booth, and conjure up a craft. *No registration is required*.

Advocacy for Music Therapy: Adults

Tuesday, October 17, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch

Learn about the benefits of music therapy and how it can help people of varying ages and needs. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Halloween Escape Room: Adults

Monday, October 23, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch

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PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

You will be receiving a Service Line Material Identification Survey in the mail with your utility bill. The Illinois Environmental Agency requires municipalities to gather and update water service line material information for all structures connected to the distribution system.

Please submit your response to the Village of Minooka Public Works Department by scanning the QR code, or by going online to:



minooka.com/departments/public-works/

or by returning the form to us via email at: publicworks@minooka.com

or via mail to: Village of Minooka, Attn: Public Works 121 E McEvilly Rd, Minooka, IL60447

Service Line Material Identification

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recently revised the lead and copper rule for community drinking water, requiring municipalities to gather and update water service line material information for all structures connected to the distribution system.

Participation from residents is essential for completing this inventory and the Village of Minooka Water Department is asking for your help.

Please submit your response to the Village of Minooka Public Works Department by following the link or QR code on the back or by returning this form to us. List your name, address, and whether you have a lead, galvanized steel, copper, or plastic service line. If you have questions regarding this inventory, please call 815-467-8868 ext. 3180.

How to identify service line material:

1. Locate the water meter.

(Found inside the building.) Follow the water pipes in the basement or crawl space. Look near your water heater, furnace, or washer/dryer. The meter may also be under a kitchen or bathroom sink, inside the cabinet.

2. Locate the service line.

This is the pipe which comes up from the floor or out of the wall before the water meter. Water meters generally have an arrow printed on the body. The service line will be on the upstream side of the arrow. (See photo to the right.)

3. Identify the material.

Lead, Galvanized Steel, Copper (indicate if lead solder is present), or



Material details for identification

Lead

- Grey in color.
- Non-magnetic
- Soft metal, easy to mark.
- Connections resemble a bulb shape.

Galvanized Steel

- Silver/grey in color.
- Magnetic
- May observe red/rusty areas.

Copper

- Similar color and shine of a Penny.
- May have green and blue coloration.
- Non-magnetic

Plastic

- Blue or black in color.
- Lettering or stripes may be imprinted on the pipe.



1. Lead

2. Galvanized Steel (Iron)

3. Copper

4. Plastic (Black/Blue Color)

Lead



A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will not cling to lead pipes.

Galvanizad



A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.

Copper

The color of a copper penny.



Plastic

White, rigid pipe that is joined to water supply piping with a clamp.

Note: If your home was built before 1986 and you have copper service lines, there is a possibility that lead solder was used to join the copper pipes. While testing for lead solder is not required, lead testing kits are available online, if you desire to test your pipes. The Village has a limited supply of testing kits available upon request.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE REMINDERS:

RECREATIONAL / TEMPORARY PARKING ORDINANCE

Village ordinance states that from October 30th until May 1st, recreational vehicles including boats, personal watercraft, travel trailers, campers, motorhomes, and other summer recreation items must be moved to an interior side yard, rear yard, or to a fully enclosed building so long as the entire area under the vehicle is open, impervious, and constructed of a hard, dustless material, such as concrete, asphalt, or brick pavers. The surface must be capable of supporting the weight of the vehicle, and access to the front/side yard must meet these same requirements. This must be no closer than five (5) feet to the property lines. Recreational vehicles cannot be parked in front yards, corner lot side yards, front yard driveways, or any public roadway or right of way.

GRUNDY COUNTY LAND USE

Electronic Waste Recycling AND Shredding Event

Saturday, September 16, 2023 • 8AM-Noon

Parking lot North of Grundy County Animal Control 310 East DuPont Road, Morris, IL 60450

TVs Charged (cash or check) \$25/All TVs EXCEPT Projection \$50 Projection TVs

All other electronics are free to recycle:

Monitors

Phones (Cell/Landline)
PDA/MP3

Electronic Cables
Electronics
Computer Equipment

Printers Computer Towers Printers/Fax/Scanners Microwaves NO WHITE GOODS

Laptops

All Shredding

2 Box Limit • No Plastics or Metals

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Chaplain's Corner

A Festival of Forgiveness

My mom passed away last June at the age of 96. There are many aspects of this loss that I could think of to write about, but one stands out to me. The service for my mom was held at the church I grew up in: St. Raphael's Catholic Church, in New York. I am going to pass along to you what the priest passed along to us as a part of my mom's service. He invited all of us to a "Festival of Forgiveness." This is what he meant: if you have been far from God, then

come home to Him. If you have been far from church, return to your spiritual family. If you have never asked for His forgiveness, then take time to do so. The Mayo Clinic website indicates that forgiveness results in amazing health benefits, including: improved mental health, less anxiety, stress and hostility, and lower blood pressure, to name a few. Spiritually and medically, God knew that receiving and granting forgiveness is beneficial for our hearts and minds and for our health. So, as we say good-bye to summer and welcome the change of season, think about what a Festival of Forgiveness might look like for you. If you would like to talk more about this, I would be happy to buy you a cup of coffee. Contact me at carlosgarcia@missionbible.church

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY STRONG

On behalf of the Minooka Police Department, I want to thank the community for your continuous support as your attendance at National Night Out was phenomenal! This year's event saw its best turnout as the police department and community joined together for an evening of fun and

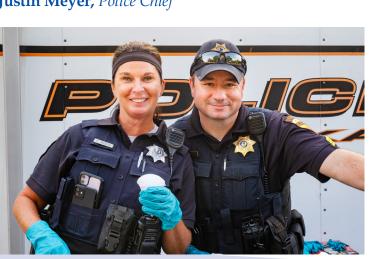


partnership. I would also like to express my appreciation to the business organizations who donated food for the evening. It was much appreciated and needed as we ran out of food right at the very end.

National Night Out is an annual law enforcement event that promotes positive engagement with your officers. While officers were handing out free giveaways, food, sno-cones, and cotton candy, the event also consisted of free pony rides, a petting zoo, reptile shows, Jesse White Tumblers performances, bounce houses, face painting, musician shows, balloon artists, and a Touch-A-Truck event.

For those who missed out, please mark your calendar for next year's National Night Out on August 5th, 2024!

Justin Meyer, Police Chief









IEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekly Mass

Weekday Mass: 8:30 am

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

Saturdays from 4-4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 am • Saturdays 4 - 5 pm

Parish Golf Outing September 11th

Please call Rectory at (815) 467-2233 for more information

Oktoberfest October 8th - 12pm - 6:30 pm

Breakfast October 22nd - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 8 - 11am

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🔾 303 W. St Mary's Street, Po Box 456, Minooka IL 60447

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 visit our website or Facebook page for future worship times and plans after we move to our new location on Ridge Road.

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

OPEN HOUSE

We are so excited for everyone to see our new church building at 1210 S. Ridge Road! Attend our Open House Oct. 7th from 2-4 pm for a look at our new building and a look at ways we are serving God by serving the community. Plus games, activities, and snacks for all ages!

PRAYER PARTNERS

Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm

Open prayer time in the Channahon UMC choir room.

SENIOR LUNCHEON "Forever Young"

On the third Wednesday of the month, we will hold a free luncheon at St. Mary's Minooka for ages 55 and better! Join us on September 20th and October 18th at 11:30 am. Make your reservation by calling 815-467-2322.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Sunday, October 29th from 2-4 pm at the parking lot of Heritage Woods of Minooka (701 Heritage Woods Dr, Minooka, IL 60447). This will be a co-op event between Minooka UMC and Heritage Woods. Children under 5th Grade are invited. Wear a costume! We will have games and other fun activities. Eliza's Angels Food Trailer will also be on site!

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

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 am 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.

Online Services Live service online at 9:00 am or 10:30 am on Sundays 3 different ways:

- The Live Service Website live.thevillagechristianchurch.com/
- YouTube Channel youtube.com/c/TheVillageChristianChurch
- The Village Christian Church Facebook page.

Student Evening Groups Kick-Off

We love our students at The Village Christian Church! Pulse is a fun place where students can connect, feel valued, and supported. Leaders and students support each other, encourage each other, and love each other.

There are 3 groups based on age so check it out and find your place!

Pulse 45 is for students in grades 4 and 5. They will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm starting September 13.

<u>Pulse Jr.</u> is for students grades 6-8. They will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8 pm starting September 10.

<u>Pulse Sr.</u> is for students in high school. They will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8 pm starting September 10.

For more information on Pulse students, check out: https://www.thevillagechristianchurch.com/students

You're Invited to The Fall Festival at The Village Christian Church

We are so excited to celebrate fall! Bring the kids to the 9 am or 10:30 am service and stay afterward for loads of fun on Sunday, October 15. Kids can play in the jumpies, get dressed up in their costumes for the Trunk or Treat and play games. The Fall Festival is for the whole community, everyone is welcome. You do not need to attend The Village Christian Church to be a part of this event.

You can find us in Minooka, just north of Rt. 6 & Bell Road, next to WestWinds Estates. Our address is 8965 South Bell Road, Minooka, IL 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. On Monday, October 16 at 5 pm The Northern Illinois Food Bank will be distributing about 10,000 pounds of food at The Village Christian Church, 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka.

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

Learn more and sign up for your shift at: https://www.thevillagechristianchurch.com

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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.

Mission Minooka

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

Mission Morris (meeting at Saratoga School)

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

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29th, from 5-7 pm

Mission Kids is proud to host Trunk or treat 2023! A great night for the whole family! Come all dressed up and expect candy, food, games and prizes!

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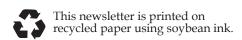
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VILLAGE INFORMATION

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.

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A New Way to Receive FREE Village of Minooka Alerts!

Aim your camera at this QR code to download the Mobile App from Google Play or iOS App Store









By downloading the Everbridge Mobile App, you can select to receive notifications concerning community events, timesensitive alerts and/or emergency information that may impact your area.

- Allow Everbridge to send Push Notifications
- Select "Find an Organization or Subscription"
- 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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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:		