

# The Village of Minooka

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*The Preserve at  
Heritage Woods  
Model Home*



## ..... Summer of Ribbon Cuttings .....



*Aux Sable  
Springs Park,  
Phase 2*

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# To Serve You Better Welcome to Your Newsletter

## Mayor's Message

*Summer has arrived!*

Hi Folks,

Hopefully, most of the garden is in, the first sunburn is a memory, there is still time for a summer vacation (big or small), and our sports teams are having some success. In the present times if my pro-team gets through a game and nobody pulls an oblique muscle I figure that is a success. I don't ever remember Dick Butkus, Ernie Banks, or Frank Thomas ever pulling an oblique. I'm not even sure where that muscle is located. I'd google it but am now fearful I'll pull the darn thing getting my phone out of my pocket. Enjoy the rest of the summer and be careful out there.

Respectfully,  
Ric Offerman



## Summer of Ribbon Cuttings

It's a bad month to be a ribbon in the Village of Minooka. With back-to-back ribbon cuttings taking place first for the Model Homes at the Preserve at Heritage Woods and then for the Phase 2 development of Aux Sable Springs Park. The preserve is Minooka's newest residential development and will consist of 46 beautiful units of age restricted duplexes. Congratulations to the entire Preserve team who have built this much needed offering in the community!



*From ground  
breaking to  
ribbon cutting*



The opening of additional amenities at Minooka's flagship green space is also cause for celebration. New amenities include pickleball courts, splashpad, pavilions, a fourth baseball field, bean-bag boards, a "bamboo jungle", and accessible playground equipment. For these park improvements the Village President, Trustees, staff, and community at large extend gratitude to the late Lorraine and Jerry Davidson. The Davidsons contributed \$700,000 to Minooka's parks, \$400,000 of which was used on this project. Through the clever leveraging of these funds the Public Works Department was able to obtain a matching grant of \$400,000 from the State of Illinois, essentially doubling the impact. Representing the Davidsons at the Ribbon Cutting was Jerry and Lorraine's daughter Kathleen Kaplan, pictured on the cover holding the scissors. Thank you Kathleen for your support of the community.



*Former Trustee  
Terry Houchens  
and his wife  
Michele at the  
entrance to  
Houchens Hiking  
Trail*



Another recognition is in order for former Trustee Terry Houchens and his wife Michele who are photographed above at the entrance to the "Houchens Hiking Trail", named in their honor. Thank you to Terry and Michele for being pillars of the community.

*Photo Credits to Airwave Media Productions and Seal Breeze Aerial Solutions*





Saturday  
July  
**26th**  
7:30AM - 12:00PM

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST MARY'S PARISH

LOCATION: Parish Hall  
301 West St. Marys Street, Minooka IL, 60447

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED  
WALK INS WELCOME

Please book an appointment  
online using the QR Code



Help save lives in your community!

## Children's Used Book Drive - June 9th—July 11th, 2025

Drop Off: Grundy County Administrative Building - 1320 Union Street, Morris

### Why is it great to donate children's used books?

- 61% of low income families do not own ANY children's books
- Every child Bernie's Book Bank serves receives 8 books a year
- Helps to clean off book shelves to make room for books for your family
- Children will receive your books within 5 days from the collection

### What books should be donated?

- Books for children from pre-school to 6th Grade

### Bernie's Book Bank does not use:

- Activity or coloring books
- Educational school or reference books
- Religious books



If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

Beth Skoff (815) 941-3228; bskoff@grundycountyil.gov

Heidi Miller (815) 941-3229; hmill@grundycountyil.gov

*The Minooka American  
Legion would like to  
thank everyone who  
came out on Memorial  
Day to honor the men  
and women who have  
sacrificed so much for  
this country.*



**Saturday, July 19th**  
**Picnic 5:30pm - 8:30pm**

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend a day outdoors? Join us for a picnic in the park followed with a movie beneath the stars!!

Bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening of outdoor fun with games, inflatables, food, entertainment and relaxation all free!

Come for the Picnic stay for the Movie!!!

**GREASE SING-A-LONG!!**

Come in your favorite 50s, 60s, or Grease costume and enter our costume contest happening at 8:30PM



Lions Park Minooka IL

dawn.niner@minooka.com



**The Village of Minooka**  
Established 1869

You're invited to participate in Minooka's  
**Fall GARAGE SALES**  
Thursday - Saturday  
September 11th, 12th & 13th

Sign up by September 5th at the Minooka Village Hall  
\$3 to have your address on the map  
Maps available for pickup on  
September 10th after 1:00 PM

Garage Sale Map will be available at Minooka.com  
Ace Hardware, Casey's, Three Rivers Library-Minooka Branch, Village Hall



## All Ages Programs:

### Summer Reading- Oceans of Possibilities: All Ages

June 14-July 26

It's not too late to sail into summer with our fun-filled, Summer Reading. Sign up in the Beanstack app to track your reading progress and earn prizes, raffle tickets, and more!

Visit [www.trpld.org](http://www.trpld.org) for more details.



## Youth Programs:

### Shark Week Storytime: All Ages

Tuesday, July 8, 10:30am at Minooka Branch

Thursday, July 10, 10:30am at Channahon Library

Celebrate Shark Week with this JAWS-ome story time!

*Registration is required for these in-person programs.*

### Monsters of the Deep: Ages 7+

Tuesdays, July 8-22, 1pm at Channahon Library

Darkness...pressures...monsters! Plunge into the deepest ocean trenches to reveal the terrifying and bizarre creatures that call this home. *Registration is required for these in-person programs.*

### Undersea Upcyclers: Ages 8+

Fridays, July 11-July 25, 4pm at Minooka Branch

Imagination meets conservation as we learn how to protect the ocean's wonders by transforming discarded materials into art! No meeting July 4. *Registration is required for these in-person programs.*

### Dream Boards

Saturday, July 12 at Minooka Branch

Ages 8-11: 10am Ages 12-17: 11:30am

Bring your dreams and goals to life with beautiful colors and texture. *Registration is required for these in-person programs.*

### Walking Book Club: Ages 7-10

Thursday, July 17, 11am at Lion's Park, Minooka

Thursday, August 14, 11am at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon

Meet us at the park to walk and talk in this on-the-go book club. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

## Adult Programs:

### These Books Are Made for Walkin': Adults 18+

Tuesdays, July 8 & August 12, 6pm

at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon

Join us to perambulate the paved park paths while discussing the selected books. **July:** *By the Fire We Carry* **August:** *Becoming Earth* *Registration is required for these in-person programs.*

### Dancing for Our Tribe Art Exhibit: All ages

July 25-August 31

at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon

See the portraits by Sharon Hoogstraten of Potawatomi in traditional regalia and learn their stories. *No registration is required for this in-person event. Exhibit is available during the Center's normal hours, Wednesday-Sunday 10am-4pm*

### Dancing for Our Tribe: Meet the Artist: All Ages

Friday, July 25, 5pm

at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon

Meet the artist behind the portraits as you view the exhibit that highlights the rich lives of the Potawatomi. Light refreshments will be provided. *No registration is required for this in-person program.*

### Dancing for Our Tribe: A Deeper Look: Adults 18+

Thursday, August 14, 6pm

at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon

Sharon Hoogstraten, the artist behind the exhibit, will present stories behind the incredible series of portraits. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

### Paint Your Pets: Adults 18+

Monday, August 18, 2pm or 5pm at Minooka Branch

Registration opens 8/4 at 10am

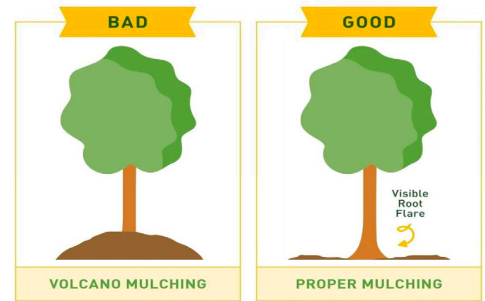
Design and paint a unique portrait of your pet! *Registration is required for these in-person programs.*



## USING MULCH AROUND YOUR TREES THIS YEAR?

*Mulching is important to a tree's health. Make sure you are mulching your trees the right way.*

- Mulch out, not up! No deeper than the heel of your hand, generally 2-4 inches.
- Back off from the trunk! Keep all mulch away from the trunk of the tree, allowing the root flare to show just above ground level.
- Mulch to the tree's drip line, if possible! • Keep the trunk dry and the roots moist!



## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

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 basin 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.

### Resident Control Measures

Just walk through your neighborhood and take a look around 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 that will end up in the curb catch basins and storm sewers and, ultimately, into detention basins and receiving streams. This creates large amounts of decomposed materials that have to be removed from catch basins and results in sedimentation buildup within the detention basin and sewer pipes becoming plugged. This costs all of us more money to maintain.
- Concrete truck 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.
- Parking 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.
- 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.
- 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 creating runoff into streets.
- Planting vegetation in a manner slowing water runoff during heavy rainfall.
- Adopting roadside ditches and picking up refuse that has been thrown from vehicles or has blown in from who knows where. This is a good community service project for many organizations.
- Picking up animal waste from your pet and disposing of it properly.

### 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

## ORDINANCE REMINDERS - COURTESY OF THE MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 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; amd. 1997 Code)

July 4th is 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.

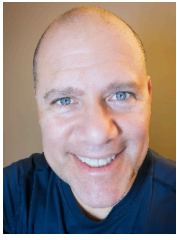
### 8-2-7: FIREWORKS:

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





## Chaplain's Corner

There is one particular memory from my one and only ride in an ambulance, that I recall with gratitude. Before I share that one particular memory, a brief backstory is in order.

The year: 2017. The month: October. The day: the 6th (my birthday.) I had a cold, which turned into a cough, which turned into... any guesses?... that is correct: bronchitis. I waited a few days before I went to immediate care. Why, you ask? I'm a guy. That's why. So with some meds by my side, I pushed through a busy October with my symptoms worsening by the day.

Fast forward to around October 25 or so. After a few weeks of telling myself that I will get better the next day (please refer to previous admission: I'm a guy), I found myself unable to breathe. This, I tell myself, is not good. So, back to immediate care for more medicine.

Long story short: I could barely walk across a parking lot without feeling like I was unable to take in or expel any air. After getting my meds, I headed home, somehow stumbled up the front steps, collapsed on the couch and had enough air in my lungs to say to my wife, "Call 911." There are lots of memories I could share after I asked my wife to call 911. Here is the particular one I do want to share. It can still bring me to tears, because it was a reminder of how profoundly impactful one little act of care can be.

After getting stabilized in the emergency room my two colleagues and friends came and sat by my bed: Arol, the lead pastor of Mission Bible Church, and Jason, then the student pastor. They just sat there. Since I was taking a stroll somewhere in "la-la" land for most of the time, they just talked and laughed together by my side. And, to this day, I remember it as one of the most beautiful things that these two friends have ever done for me. Their presence made me feel loved and cared for.

Being present to someone is a gift of love that can leave a deep, positive impact in their soul. Are you present to your children? Do you listen? I mean just listen, and then thank them for sharing. Are you present to those who are hurting around you? Are you present to your spouse and their needs? Are you present to yourself? The Apostle Paul wrote, "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). In other words, be present. Words are not necessary, but your presence is. If you want to talk about this, or anything else on your mind, contact me at [carlosgarcia@missionbible.church](mailto:carlosgarcia@missionbible.church).

**Carlos Garcia, Chaplain**

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## NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Cop on a Rooftop Recap

Once again, thank you to everybody that came out to show your support for Cop on a Rooftop 2025! We raised over \$8500 for Special OlymQpics Athletes this year. We had a great turn out and we look forward to participating again next year!!!



### RETIRED

On May 27th one of our "good boys" worked his last shift. K9 Rueger is hanging up his vest and the only work he will be doing is playing fetch in the backyard. Rueger has been a part of Minooka Police Department since 2014 and his work has directly led to the seizure of substantial quantities of illegal narcotics and U.S. currency including: 68,000 grams of cannabis, 16,000 grams of cocaine, 6,000 grams of methamphetamine, 4,000 grams of heroin, 1,440 MDMA pills and over \$283,000 in illicit currency.



### Back to School – Safety Tips:

The start of a new school year is an exciting and busy time for families. It is up to all of us to be safe and watch out for kids. Here are some safety tips we can all follow.

#### If you are driving, remember these rules:

- Use caution near schools; there will be increased traffic and pedestrians \*WATCH FOR KIDS\*
- Do not drive around school buses when the overhead lights are flashing red and the "STOP" sign is out.
- Please OBEY crossing guards

#### Kids

- Cross at corners or cross walks
- Obey crossing guard instructions
- When possible, walk with friends
- Stay on sidewalks, do not cut through yards or alleys
- NEVER accept rides or get into the car with people you do not know

#### Parents

- Walk the approved route to school with your child before school starts; this way you know where to look for your child if there is a problem
- Cover where safe places are to go for help like trusted adults' houses, school, and businesses
- Discuss what your child should do if an unknown adult tries to get them to come to their car, in their house, or grabs them
- Know who your kids' friends are and where they live, and keep a list of addresses and phone numbers handy

***Let's all do our part to keep our kids SAFE!***



# NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

## 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 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am.

**Kid Village** classes will be open for 9 & 10:30 services, infant-grade 3.

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

### 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 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](http://www.thevillagechristianchurch.com)

 [thevillagechristianchurch.com](http://thevillagechristianchurch.com)  [TheVillageChristianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheVillageChristianChurch)  [The Village Christian Church](https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageChristianChurch)  8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447

## At The Movies

Do you have a favorite movie that you can watch over and over? What if you took a look at some great movies from a different perspective?

Each Sunday in the month of July, we will "feature" a different movie and see what kind of Godly messages we can take away from them. We won't be watching the movies, but we will be looking at God's view on each of the movie themes.

This is going to be a fun 4 week teaching series that your family and friends will be sure to enjoy, so invite them to come with you! We'll have a special photo spot to get a family photo or maybe a selfie, free popcorn, and more! So. Much. Fun! #noboringhere

## Big Give For Kids

The Village Christian Church will partner with not-for-profit Reclaim3d and host the annual Big Give For Kids event for families that are struggling to provide back to school clothes for their kids.

**When:** Friday, August 1 & Saturday August 2 from 9 AM -11 PM

**Where:** The Village Christian Church: 8965 South Bell Road, Minooka

The Big Give For Kids will provide 2 bags of gently used clothing per child for free. A limited quantity of new shoes and socks will also be available, first come first served. These children can start the new school year with nice clothes to wear to school.

## MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Minooka United Methodist Church Is On Ridge Road

Our new building is at 1210 S. Ridge Road, next to the water tower. Worship experiences are Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome! Learn more about our welcoming and affirming congregation at [www.minookaumc.com](http://www.minookaumc.com)

Online maps still don't always get our new address correct, so your GPS may take you slightly off-course. Our church is on the east side of Ridge Road, next door to the Minooka water tower, south of Prairie Ridge Drive and north of Misty Creek Drive (in-between the Lakewood Trails and Prairie Ridge subdivisions).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Dates:** Sunday, July 20—Thursday, July 24 **Time:** 6:00-8:15 p.m.

**Location:** Channahon UMC, 24751 W. Eames St.

**Suggested Donation:** \$5 per child or \$10 per family. If cost is a concern, please reach out. We won't let finances be a barrier to this amazing experience.

**Theme:** True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**More Info:** We partner with our siblings in Christ at Channahon UMC to create a VBS with exciting, hands-on experiences teaching meaningful lessons. This fun adventure brings faith to life through engaging bible stories, great games, active music, and wacky science experiments.

**Register:** <https://vbspro.events/p/17eb2d>

## WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group is a place to belong where students can show up just as they are, build friendships, and grow in their faith. All our Youth Group leaders complete Safe Gathering training and a background check.

 1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447  [minookaumc.com](http://minookaumc.com)  [Minooka United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/MinookaUnitedMethodistChurch)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. It is open to anyone grieving a death. There is no cost and a light lunch is provided. Join us July 10th and August 14th.

## CHAIR YOGA

Join us for gentle movement and mindfulness in this accessible, no cost yoga class, perfect for all ages and fitness levels. Chair Yoga meets Mondays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## THE SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

Questions about faith and the meaning of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. The Skeptic's Circle offers a welcoming space for open, honest conversation about the emotions, doubts, and ideas about faith, God, and life you might have been taught not to question. Meets in Minooka Library's Meeting Room the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. See you July 8th and August 12th.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING

As students, teachers, administrators, and staff head back to school, we pause to pray with and for them. We'll give thanks for the learning they will experience, the friendships they will make, and the hopes and dreams they will explore. Bring your backpack for a special prize during our worship service **Sunday, August 10th at 9:30 a.m.**

## 2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

**Saturday, September 6th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Minooka UMC grounds and building, 1210 S. Ridge Road, Minooka.**

The biggest party on Ridge Road! Join in this fun-filled afternoon for the entire family. Inflatables and activities for kids, yard games for youth and adults, and a free hot dog meal for all. Hundreds of people attended last year, making this a great way to meet your neighbors.

## CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**July 6 - Broadway Spectacular:** Join us for a family friendly musical performance of Broadway's greatest songs! A free lunch will be provided after the 11 am service with the performance starting promptly at 1 pm.

### Worship:

8:30am Morning Worship Service

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Main Worship Service

**July 13 - Roller Skating at Family Fun Zone:** Everyone is invited to a Roller Skating Party at Family Fun Zone in Crest Hill. The cost is \$15 per person and includes skate rental and unlimited soda. Please bring extra cash if you want to purchase any food.

**August 3 - Super Summer Sunday:** Join us for an afternoon filled with great BBQ and backyard games for the entire family. The event runs from 12:30 - 3:30 pm

 4295 Van Dyke Rd., Minooka, IL 60447  [christfirst.church](http://christfirst.church)     [Christ First Baptist Church](https://www.youtube.com/ChristFirstBaptistChurch)

## ST. MARY'S PARISH

**Weekday Mass** - Monday - Friday 8:30am

**Weekday Adoration/Confession** - Thursday, 7:30am

**Saturday Adoration/Confession** - 4:00pm

**Saturday Mass** - 5:00pm

**Sunday Mass** - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

**Youth Group Ministry (Thrive)** - Tuesdays; 7:00 - 8:30pm

 [stmarysminooka.com](http://stmarysminooka.com)  303 W. St Mary's Street, Po Box 456, Minooka IL 60447

## 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.

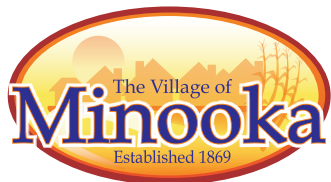
**Mission Minooka** 412 N. Wabena in Minooka

Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Spanish translation available at this service)

**Mission Morris (meets at Saratoga School)** 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16 Sunday 9:30am

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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.

### Village President

Ric Offerman (815) 258-5270

### Village Administrator

Dan Duffy (815) 467-2151

### Village Trustees

Dennis Martin (815) 693-6596

Ray Mason (815) 954-0762

Barry Thompson (815) 353-9188

Gabriela Martinez (815) 216-7000

Robin White (815) 671-6008

Josh Stell (630) 644-2335

### Getting You Where You Need to Go!



#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ANYWHERE IN GRUNDY COUNTY AND PORTIONS OF JOLIET

Service Available

Monday—Friday, 6:00 AM—6:00 PM

**\*\*Rides must be scheduled 2—3 business day in advance\*\***

**To schedule your ride, give us a call at (888) 786-0862**

Bus service is for **ALL** Grundy County residents of **ALL** ages.

All buses are ADA compliant and equipped with wheelchair lifts.

Children under the age of 5 ride for **FREE**.

GTS travels to Joliet 3 times daily.

Fares are \$4.00 each way in-county and \$6.00 each way to or from Joliet.

**We are now a Non-Emergency Medicaid  
Transportation Provider, call us today  
for more information!**



### EVERBRIDGE MOBILE APP

*New Way to Receive FREE  
Village of Minooka Alerts!*



Aim your camera at the 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, time-sensitive alerts and/or emergency info 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.

**ONE DELIVERY METHOD MUST BE PROVIDED (PHONE OR EMAIL) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ALERTS**



**Get the Everbridge App!**



## MINOOKA SCHOOLS

### Now Hiring Bus Drivers



**No experience? No  
problem we provide  
paid training**

- Child Ride-A-Long program
- Hiring Bonus
- Regular Attendance Bonus
- Great pay, over \$24/hr
- Abundance of sports/extracurricular trips to earn extra money
- Newer well maintained buses



For more information stop by the transportation office at 700 Minooka Rd or text/call 815-258-3511

**APPLY NOW**



## MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



### Important Dates



#### Walk Your Schedule Days

August 4-5, 2025

Central (4th) • South (5th)  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

New and returning students can walk their classes and familiarize themselves with each campus.

#### Freshmen Experience

August 6, 2025

South Campus  
7:35 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Freshmen will proceed through class schedules and receive important information to start the school year.

#### First Day of School

August 13, 2025

Central: 8 a.m. - 2:57 p.m.  
South: 7:45 a.m. - 2:42 p.m.

School is back in session! Students will attend a full day of school. Lunch will be served.

#### Coaches' Cookout

August 22, 2025

Athletic Stadium  
4:30 p.m.

The Athletic Boosters invite MCHS athletes and their families for a night out with food, sports, and spirit wear!

#### Open House

August 25, 2025

Central & South Campuses  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to walk the schools, meet teachers, learn about student activities and athletics, and more.

**Homecoming Week**  
September 29 - October 4, 2025  
Central & South Campuses

Get into the MCHS school spirit by participating in any of the Homecoming week activities. More information will be available: [www.mchs.net/page/student-activities](http://www.mchs.net/page/student-activities)