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

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To Serve You Better Welcome to Your Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Hi Folks,

According to my calendar Fall begins on the 22nd of this month, my favorite season of the year. There are a lot of things going on with school sports, our Vintage Faire (last Sunday of September), Haunted Trail Hayrack ride and Bonfire (October 11th), and Halloween Parade on October 18th.

Hope your Labor Day holiday was restful, fun, and spent with loved ones and friends. Many of us are lucky and they are one and the same. According to my calendar, September

4th is national Eat an Extra Desert Day and September 6th is National Hummingbird Day (spot one if you can).

Be safe, Ric Offerman







The Village Administrator Dan Duffy, Village Administrator

A Thank you is in order to the Jason Clearwater Fund (JCF) for contributing the resources necessary to renovate the Lakewood Trails Ballfield. Over the years the JCF has completely redone the ball field for local youth sports programs to utilize. Most recently they just wrapped on updating the outfield fence and dug outs. We are grateful to the JCF for being a pillar of the community and youth sports in the Village of Minooka!



New Business Spotlight: EGGVENTURE CAFE



Eggventure Cafe, 410 W. Mondamin St., officially celebrated its grand opening July 12 featuring delicious breakfast and lunch specials, a vibrant atmosphere, and enthusiastic support from the local community.

Owned and operated by Sevcan Ustura, Eggventure Cafe offers a distinctive menu that ranges from sweet breakfast favorites like crepes and pastries to savory skillets and gourmet paninis, perfect for a satisfying lunch experience.

"We're focused on bringing you high-quality food with high-quality service," she said in a news release.

Ustura said she has a team of 15, who are all committed to quality food and service.

Whether dining in or ordering online, Eggventure is the place to go with hours of 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 7 days a week. For more information on Eggventure Cafe, visit www.eggventurecafe.com.





You're invited to participate in Minooka's

Thursday - Saturday

September 11th, 12th & 13th

Around TOWN

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD.

A data center has been proposed on an approximate 300-acre site near Holt Road and Ridge Road.

To provide information and answer questions, the developer will host an Open House for all residents. Come learn more and stay informed about the future of our community.

Place: Village Hall Community Room,

121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka, IL 60447

Date: September 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC



EQUINIX

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION



In honor of Veterans Day, the Village of Minooka would like to recognize and honor our local Veterans wo have selflessly served our Country by displaying their photos for the month of November.

Please help us pay tribute to those men and women by submitting the following:

- Veterans <u>Name</u>
- Photo
- Branch of Service
- Year to Year of Service

Recognition submittals must be received by October 3, 2025 to jessica.harvey@minooka.com

If veteran(s) info was previously provided, it will no be necessary to re-submit their information



GARAGE SALES

St. Ann Catholic Church - Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Location: St. Ann Catholic Church 24500 S. Navajo Drive Channahon, IL 60410

Appointments appreciated; Walk-Ins welcome! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code.

First Time Donors Receive a FREE Culver's Pint Using the Code "NEWBIE" In the Comment Section of their Appointment, While Supplies Last! September 27th



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



1-800-7TO-GIVE







Visit the library's events calendar at trpld.org/events to view the full range of events and to register for library programs. Both libraries are closed September 1 for the holiday. Standard weekend hours resume starting September 6.



All Ages Programs:

Storytime Down on the Farm: Families

Mondays, September 15-October 27, 4:30pm at Dollinger Family Farm, 7420 E Hansel Rd, Channahon

Drop in at the machine shed at Dollinger's Farm for stories, songs, and crafts. *No registration is required.*

Sensory-Friendly Storytime: All Ages

Saturdays, September 27 & October 25, 9:15am at Minooka Branch

A quieter storytime with lowered lights, designed for kids who may prefer a less stimulating environment. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Twilight Trivia: Ages 14-Adult

Monday, September 29, 6pm at Minooka Branch

Adult & teen fans, whether vampire, werewolf, or human, are invited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the original Twilight novel and show off your expertise on the lore of the whole series. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Book or Treat: Ages 0-17

Saturday, October 18, 10am-12pm at Minooka Branch

'Haunt' by in your costume any time between 10am-12pm to select a free book* and some treats. Be sure to head inside to try the 'Book or Treat' scavenger hunt! *No registration is required.* *1 free book per child or teen while supplies last.

Youth Programs:

Cryptid Club: Ages 8+

Thursdays, September 18, October 2, 16, & 30, 4:30pm at Minooka Branch

From famous creatures more obscure cryptids, it's up to you to decide whether these cryptids are terrifyingly true or totally debunked! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Book vs. Movie Club: Ages 8-13

Saturdays, September 6 & October 4, 10am at Minooka Branch

How does the book match up to the movie version? Read the book, then join us to watch the movie! September: How to Train Your Dragon, October: Coraline *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Story Explorers: Ages 5-8

Fridays, September 12 & October 10, 4:30pm at Minooka Branch

Read a book together, then bring the story to life with a craft inspired by the book. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Halloween Makeup: Ages 13+

Tuesday, October 11, 11am at Minooka Branch Learn tricks of the trade from a professional makeup artist to take your costume to the next level with fake blood, burns & scars, prosthetics, and more! *Registration is required for this inperson program.*

Adult Programs:

Self Expression Through Movement: Adults 18+

Wednesday, September 10, 1pm at Minooka Branch

Enjoy flexibility, warm-up, and strength exercises for muscles and joints as you explore moving creatively to music. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Creative Writing Workshop: Adults 18+

Tuesdays, September 23 AND October 28, 6pm at Minooka Branch Get your creative juices flowing in this two-session writing workshop, with supplies and writing prompts are provided. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Fall Beer Tasting: Adults 21+

Thursday, September 25, 6pm at Iron & Glass, 104 Ridge Rd, Minooka Master Home Brewer Scott Pointon will discuss beer history and traditions as you sample some fantastic fall beers! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Self-Defense Workshop: Adults 18+

Tuesday, October 14, 6pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Rd, Minooka

Learn to defend yourself at this interactive workshop. An electronic waiver is required for each registrant: https://bit.ly/trsdwaiver. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

History of Chicago Brick Architecture: Adults 18+

Thursday, October 16, 6pm at Minooka Branch

Join Will Quam of Brick of Chicago for a virtual tour covering the exciting hidden history of brick in the Windy City. *Registration is required for this inperson program.*

Fear Itself: Adults 18+

Thursday, October 30, 6pm at Minooka Branch

This showcase of classic horror stories will make you look over your shoulder. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Minooka Fire Protection District









ORDINANCE REMINDER - COURTESY OF THE MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE:

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.

MINOOKA SCHOOLS









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Chaplain's Corner - Ringo and Your Sense of Value and Worth

Think of your current hero, or a hero from your childhood. It could be a sports figure, a movie star, a singer, a writer, or any person who you... well... wanted to be like.

Growing up I absolutely LOVED the Beatles. And I wanted to be Ringo. So, what did I do? I listened to Beatles records...incessantly! I had posters of the Fab Four on my walls. I watched their movies. If you have never seen Yellow Submarine, stop reading this and check it out. But, I digress.

It would not be hyperbole to say that I worshiped the Beatles. I spent so much time learning as much as I could about the Beatles and singing along as the albums were spinning on my record player that I was transformed. I wanted to look like, sound like, walk like Ringo. And I bet, whoever your hero is, you wanted to do the same thing.

The things or persons we prioritize, or emulate, or focus on, whose books we read, podcasts we listen to, etc., will shape our sense of identity, our behaviors, values and our interior world. Which means that God has wired all of us with a desire to find someone to...worship. We are all worshipers.

All that to say this: What or who in your life represents who you long to be? Who has captured your imagination to such a degree that this person is changing you? Can your "hero" carry the weight of sustaining your sense of identity and worth?

I have been helped by a pastor who took the words of the Apostle Paul and, in his own words, wrote the following:

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. - The Message - Eugene Peterson.

Ringo is cool. But, I have found that fixing my attention on God has (slowly) changed me from the inside out and can carry the weight of my sense of identity, value and worth. If you want to talk about this, or anything else on your mind, I would be glad to get you a cup of coffee: carlosgarcia@missionbible.church

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

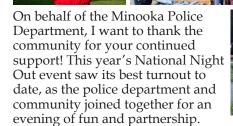
NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT













I would also like to express my appreciation to the business organizations who donated money, food, and giveaways for the event. We had over 40 local vendors who helped make this evening a success.

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, bounce houses, foam party, face painting, live music, 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 4th, 2026!

Justin Meyer, Police Chief



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NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

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

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).

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children in PreK-5th grade meets at 10:45AM following our worship service. All our Sunday School teachers complete Safe Gathering training and a background check.

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00PM. 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.

WEEKLY CONFIRMATION COHORT

Our Confirmation Cohort begins Sunday, September 14th, for students in 7th & 8th grades. Worship at 9:30AM; conversation immediately following worship. The purpose of Confirmation is to help students hear God's call in their lives and equip them as disciples of Jesus.

WEEKLY CHAIR YOGA

Meet in the multi-purpose room for gentle movement and mindfulness in this accessible yoga class, perfect for all ages and fitness levels. No fee; free-will offering collected. Chair Yoga meets twice per week: Mondays from 11:15AM to 12:00Noon with Instructor Lu. Thursdays (beginning Sept. 11) from 5:15-6:00PM with Instructor Katie.



What's New Member Exploration? If you recently started attending worship and want to learn more about Minooka UMC - this group is for you. If you have been involved for a while and want to learn what is expected of members but aren't certain about joining – this group is for you. If you are ready to commit to being a member and want to know how to join - this group is for you. This short-term group meets after worship (11:00-11:45am) on Sundays, September 21, 28, and October 5. Register for this group by emailing Office Manger Melissa Candler: admin@minookaumc.com

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:00Noon. It is open to anyone grieving a death. There is no cost and a light lunch is provided. Join us September 11th and October 9th.

MONTHLY 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 the upstairs Meeting Room at Minooka's Three Rivers Library (109 N Wabena Ave.) on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM. See you September 9th and October 14th.

MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEON

"Forever Young" Senior Luncheon is a free lunch for those 55 years old and older. It is held at St. Mary's Parish Center and is a delightful joint venture between our two congregations. Senior Luncheon is offered September 17th and October 15th (the third Wednesday of each month). Doors open at 11:30AM. Please reserve your spot by calling our church office: 815-467-2322.

GARAGE SALE TO SUPPORT MINOOKA UMC'S MINISTRIES

Find your next treasure and support MUMC Thursday-Saturday, September 11-13th, at 314 N. Wabasso St, during the village-wide garage sales.

() 1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447



(f) Minooka United Methodist Church

8:30am Morning Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Main Worship Service

The Chosen: Fridays in September (12, 19, 26) @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Every Friday in September we will watch two episodes of the Chosen season 5: The Last Supper. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm, the first episode of the night will start at 6:30 pm, and there will be a brief intermission between episodes.

CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 13 & Saturday, October 11 @ 7:30 am

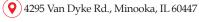
Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a free breakfast, fellowship, and a Bible Study.

Fall Flower Arrangement: September 14 @ 12:15 pm

Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us as we put together fresh cut flower arrangements. Lunch will be provided. Each person needs to bring 3 flower bunches or 10 stems to donate to the project, and everyone will go home with their crafted fresh flower arrangement.

AWANA Clubs: Sundays starting on September 28 @ 4:30 - 6:00 pm

AWANA Clubs offer a fun, exciting environment where kids, 4 years old through 12th grade, are discipled using a proven Scripture-based program. Our awesome team of workers keep the children engaged through games and music while promoting spiritual growth through biblical teaching. Our goal is to lead children and families to Christ and develop a lifelong faith in God. Register online at christfirst.church/awana









Christ First Baptist Church

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.

🜘 8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekday Mass - Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekday Adoration/Confession - Thursday, 7:30am Saturday Mass - 5:00pm

Saturday Adoration/Confession - 4:00pm

Sunday Mass - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am Youth Group Ministry (Thrive) - Tuesdays; 7:00 - 8:30pm



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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.

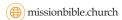
Mission Minooka 412 N. Wabena in Minooka

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

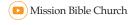
Mission Morris (meets at Saratoga School) 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16 Sunday 9:30am

Our Trunk or Treat event is happening again this year on Sunday, October 26 from 5-7pm.

Bring the family (in your costumes) for some fun, games, and tons of candy!



(🕇) Mission Bible Church







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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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Ric Offerman (815) 258-5270

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Meals on Wheels is in need of delivery drivers in Morris and Minooka!

We have several different routes available with flexible days and times. If you have a couple hours a week to contribute to bringing fresh nutritious meals to older adults in need, give us a call at 815-941-1590 or visit mowfni.org/volunteer.

