

Established 1869

The Village of Minooka

www.minooka.com

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

**If you would like to be in the Parade,
contact Dave Corbin at 815/693-9162**

**Line Up at 9:30 a.m. at Minooka Bible Church
Parade Ends at Veterans Park**

Sponsored by Minooka American Legion Post 1188



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To Serve You Better

Welcome to Your Newsletter

2015 Snowman Contest Winner!

Created by Hailey & Ava
1310 Emington Lane



Holiday House Decorating Contest Winners

1st Place - 1408 & 1410 Dahlgren, Minooka
The lights "danced" to Christmas Carols



2nd Place - 111 Prairie

3rd Place - 309 Chippewa

Thank you to all that participated!!!

Bring the Family to the
FREE FAMILY



NIGHTS

Friday, March 13 & Friday, April 17
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

at the NEW

Village of Minooka Community Room
121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka

Snacks Provided
Prizes Awarded to Winners!

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From Your Village President

As I write, I am faced with just how blessed I am. I reflect on the 50 years I have been fortunate to share life with my wife, Denise. I have been fortunate in other ways too. I am healthy and strong, and I am especially privileged to be part of the Minooka Community. Minooka was recently in the news as the 4th best town in Illinois in which to live. It is true, Minooka is a nice place to call home – and we are all fortunate to live here.



The Village of Minooka has planned for years to have a Community Room – and that dream became a reality in December 2014. We opened the room for the Village Christmas event and it was a huge success. There were about 400 children that came to see Santa, make a craft, listen to the Minooka High School Madrigals, meet Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Frosty. The past six years this event formerly celebrated downtown Minooka, and as wonderful as those times were, it was awfully nice to be in a warm place. Even Santa would agree! There have been wonderful turnouts for events that have already taken place in the new room. The adage, “build it and they will come” is certainly proving true regarding the new Community Room! It has been reserved almost every weeknight and many weekends for groups needing a place to meet.

Minooka’s Annual State of the Village will be April 8 in the new Community Room for all to see. Contact the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce to register (815/942-0113). There are many things happening in our Village and I will explain the new bike path details and the bridge widening process on Ridge Road at the event.

Winter will be over soon so keep smiling and think of Spring!

Pat Brennan, Village President

From Your Village Administrator

Community Room Receives AED Donations

The Village of Minooka worked with a local bank and the Community Foundation to secure two AED’s (defibrillators) for Minooka residents to be located in the new community room. The Village Board and Village Staff would like to thank the generous donation made by Heartland Bank of Minooka and the Community Foundation of Grundy County.

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator



REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 7, 2015

THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION will be held on April 7, 2015. Three candidates have filed for the three Village Trustee positions (four-year terms). They are as listed below:

- Dennis P. Martin
- Richard L. Parrish
- Barry A. Thompson

Minooka residents who are not registered to vote may register at the Minooka Village Hall, 121 E McEvelly Road during normal office hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM now through March 10th. Two forms of identification are needed to show proof of residency. Residents must have lived at their current residence at least 30 days and must be 18 years of age by April 7, 2015 to be eligible. See contact information for each County Clerk below for further information.

Will County Clerk’s Office: 302 N. Chicago Street in Joliet – Phone: 815-741-4620 – www.willclrk.com

Kendall County Clerk’s Office: 111 Fox Street in Yorkville – Phone: 630-553-4104 – www.co.kendall.il.us

Grundy County Clerk’s Office: 111 E. Washington Street in Morris – Phone: 815-941-3222 – www.gundyco.org

2015 GRUNDY COUNTY REGIONAL JOB FAIR



Connecting Employers and Job Seekers

JOB FAIR



Attend the **GRUNDY COUNTY REGIONAL JOB FAIR** to meet with local businesses looking for candidates NOW.

- ✓ Resume required for admission
- ✓ Dress professionally
- ✓ Come prepared for on-the-spot interviews

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Job Fair Location:

**Minooka Community High School – South Campus
26655 W. Eames Street, Channahon, IL 60410**

JOB FAIR KICK-OFFS	RESUME REVIEW TIMESLOTS
<p>Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Location: JJC Grundy Workforce Services 1715 N. Division Street, Morris, IL</p>	<p>Need your resume reviewed before the job fair? Sign-up for a 15-minute review appointment.</p> <p>Appointment times available: Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</p>

Visit www.grundyworkforce.com for a listing of companies.



EOE M/F/D/V

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

303 W. St. Mary Street, Minooka

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday through Lent – 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday

April 3, 3:00 p.m. – Shadow Stations of the Cross;
Communion 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON

“MINT” TO BE BEAUTIFUL

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 1:30 P.M.

\$20 ADULTS - \$12 CHILDREN UNDER 13

CONTACT JUNE AT 815/467-6698 FOR DETAILS.

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

205 W. Church Street, Minooka

MUMC Fish Fry

Friday, February 20 - Good Friday, April 3rd – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Annex

Palm Sunday

March 29 - Services at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

MUMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 4 – 10:00 a.m. in the Annex

Bring a dozen eggs for each of your children to dye. Supplies provided. Free to the community.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 - Services at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

MINOOKA BIBLE CHURCH

412 N. Wabena, Minooka

Good Friday

April 3 – Services 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 – 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

You are invited to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. HE IS RISEN!

Feed My Starving Children

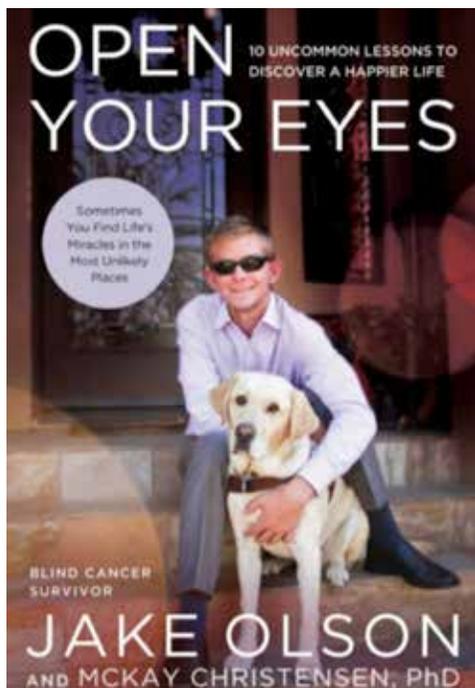
April 25 - Minooka Bible Church, Southfield Church, Village Christian Church, Christ First Church, and Resurrection Church will be participating in a mobile pack for Feed My Starving Children. This organization feeds thousands of children all over the globe and we are excited to pack over 100,000 meals. If you would like to help Feed My Starving Children through this community mobile pack, check out this link to donate. We are the Grundy County Pack. <http://www.fundraising.fmssc.org/GrundyCounty>

April 25

Join us for a walk-a-thon with Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Coal City! A fun family walk to raise money for this Christian based center, educating and counseling women/girls who are pregnant and unsure of options. For details, contact Laurie 815/467-2151.



Minooka Jr High, 333 W. McEvelly Road, Minooka
Easter Sunday, April 5 – 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



Read more about Jake at
openyoureyes.org/jake-olson.

The Village Christian Church invites you to hear Jake Olson tell his incredible and inspirational story about succeeding in the face of tremendous challenges. Although Jake is blind, he plays on the school football team, golfs, skis, surfs, and plays guitar. His story has been featured on ESPN, Good Morning America, ABC's Evening News, Fox Network, the Katie Couric Show and more.

WHERE: The Village Christian Church
Meeting at Minooka Junior High School
333 W. McEvelly Rd., Minooka

WHEN: Sunday, March 22, 2015
Live at 9am & 10:30am, video replay at 6pm

AROUND TOWN

EVER HEARD OF NERDWALLET?

They have heard of Minooka and put us on the map as one of the top 10 Best Cities for Young Families in Illinois. Factors such as home affordability, prosperity and growth, quality of education and family friendliness were considerations. The Village of Minooka was No. 4 on the list, the smallest city in the top 10, but "its size and array of activities for everyone in the family make it an appealing place for young couples that want to connect and engage in their community," as quoted by NerdWallet. Truly, Minooka is a nice place to call home!

NEW VILLAGE OFFICES

The Village of Minooka was under construction for half of 2014 which included the completion of the new Community Room as well as new office space. If you come to pay your water bill or have questions for the office staff, come to the end of the building for assistance. The Police Department is in the same location. Both offices are open week days 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Water bills are payable by mail, in person, or online at www.minooka.com at Epay or GovPayNet.

NEW TIME CHANGE

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep March 8!

FAMILY BINGO

Everyone is invited to the Village of Minooka Community Room to play Bingo on Friday, March 13 and Friday, April 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes for winners! Snacks provided!

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB

If you like to read, you are invited to join the Minooka Book Club. Meet fellow readers at the Village of Minooka Community Room the 2nd Saturday every month at 10 a.m. Call 815/467-2151 for the current book choice.

GOTTA HAVE ART GUILD

Adults of any skill level, any medium are welcome to join other artists Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. No fee to join. For more details, contact 815/467-2151.

TRASH TO TREASURE INDOOR SALES

Come to the Village of Minooka Community Room Saturday, March 21 & April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are 48 tables of good stuff waiting for you to peruse! No available table space remains. Recipients benefitting from the March and April table fee is Police Explorers Post 447 to help them participate in the State Conference in August.

LOG CABIN QUILT GUILD

You are invited to join the Quilt Guild the fourth Wednesday every month at 10 a.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. For more information, call 815/467-2151.

SUMMER CAMP

June 16 - July 30
\$150 per camper

Minooka offers a fun day camp for children ages 5 to 12. The camp meets at Lions Park June to the end of July on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Registrations for Summer Camp will be as follows: Residents: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 14. Residents may continue to register at the Village Hall through March 27.

Non-Residents: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 28. Non-Residents may continue to register at the Village Hall through April 10.

EASTER EGG DECORATING

Don't make the annual egg-decorating mess at home! Bring your boiled eggs to the Village of Minooka Community Room and color your eggs with others. Crayons, multiple dyes, craft items all supplied. All you bring is your boiled eggs and creativity on Thursday, April 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SPRING GARAGE SALES

Start cleaning your closets, garage and hidden places and participate in the Minooka Garage Sales!

This year's Spring Garage Sales will be Thursday, May 14, Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16.

If you would like your address included on the Map, sign up at the Village Hall or mail \$3 to help cover the cost of advertising to: Village of Minooka, 121 E. McEvilly, Minooka, IL 60447.

ULTIMATE GARBAGE PICKUP

Once a year on your regular garbage pickup day, you are allowed to load your curb with all the items you wish to discard, with the exception of construction debris and electronics. The week of May 18 -22 on your normal pick up day, you are allowed to put at the curb anything including: mattresses, box springs, maximum two white items (washers, dryers, refrigerator or freezers with Freon removed), etc. If in doubt, call the Village 815/467-2151.

DANCEATHON FOR CHARITY

Come and join the No Excuse Mom's of Joliet for a Fitness Danceathon!! This two hour upbeat dance workout, led by certified instructors, will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Road, Minooka. Get your tickets early for a discounted price of \$5, including two free raffle tickets for a chance to win some awesome prizes! At the door price will be \$7 and one free raffle ticket will be included. Every dollar raised will be donated to the Morning Star Mission in Joliet to help women and children facing homelessness. For more information or ticket locations, call Laurie at 815/467-2151 or email Ashley Gentile at NemJoliet@yahoo.com.

BUY LOCAL!

Support your local businesses and restaurants - shop local! For the good of us all!

CUPCAKE DECORATING

Bring a dozen baked cupcakes on Friday, May 8 to the Village of Minooka Community Room from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and take home beautifully decorated cupcakes for Mom. An instructor will supply frosting and spring decorations. \$10 per dozen.

NO EXCUSE MOM'S GROUP

The No Excuse Moms of Joliet was created in June of 2014 and is one of hundreds groups throughout the world. Our local group supports health and fitness by offering online motivation on our Facebook page and FREE workouts for moms and women of all sizes, shapes and fitness levels. Children are welcome to come play too while you get in a workout led by every day moms as well as certified instructors. You can join us for workouts at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday morning at Grace United Methodist Church in Joliet and 7:00 p.m. on Tues evenings twice a month at the Minooka Community Room. Send a request to join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/noexcusemom.jolietil/> If you have any other questions you can email Ashley Gentile, the group leader at nemjoliet@yahoo.com. We look forward to working out with you!

6TH ANNUAL MINOOKA CLEAN UP DAY

Everyone's help is needed to clean the parks, streets and ditches in Minooka on Saturday, May 16. Meet at the Village of Minooka Community Room at 10:00 a.m. for maps, gloves and bags. A free lunch follows for all the helpers.

COP ON TOP

The Minooka Police Department will be accepting donations for Special Olympics at both Dunkin Donut locations in Minooka on Ridge Road from 5:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29. MPD was awarded 1st Place in Illinois for their efforts in fundraising for Special Olympics largely due to the support of Minooka residents. Thank You!!!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 30 in the Village of Minooka Community Room from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. For an appointment, call 815/693-7449. Walk-ins welcome, appointments appreciated. Bring a photo ID and eat a good breakfast before donating.

SUMMERFEST INFORMATION

Summerfest, sponsored by Minooka Lions Club, will be Saturday, June 20. If you are interested in being in the Parade (marching from MCHS to the lower level parking lot) or being a vendor at the Craft Fair, call Laurie at 815/467-2151.

PARKS PAVILION RENTALS

Minooka has two park pavilions that are rentable for family parties. Reservations are accepted March 1 for Residents of Minooka, April 1 for Non Residents. There is a \$50 deposit for Residents, \$100 for Non Residents that is refunded after the event. Call early to reserve your date as the weekend dates go quickly.

MINOOKA GIRL SCOUTS

Contact Amy at dabbs97@sbcglobal.net or call 309/453-9967 with questions.

MINOOKA BOY SCOUTS

Boys grades 5 – 12 or age 11 are welcome to join the Pack! We meet Tuesday's from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Minooka United Methodist Church Annex. Contact Joe W. at jjwooten@sbcglobal.net or call 815/467-0565.

GRUNDY TRANSIT SYSTEM (GTS)

For \$3 (\$6 roundtrip), all Grundy County residents can take advantage of public transportation that comes right to your door. Service is available anywhere in Grundy County and stops in Joliet from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. To schedule a ride or more information, call 888/786-0862.

KENDALL AREA TRANSIT (KAT)

The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is reaching out to the rural communities in Kendall County, in which part of Minooka is located, and offers a transportation service for Kendall County residents. If you are in need of transportation, contact Paul LaLonde at 630/882-6970 for information.

SAVE YOUR POP TABS!

Thank you Minooka area! Local resident Alex Caraynoff has raised thousands of dollars from collecting and recycling pop tabs. Keep saving your pop tabs – 2015 Pop Tab Dump Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 19.

MINOOKA COMMUNITY MARKET

If you are interested in being a vendor at the Minooka Community Market, the market will begin July 6 and run the 1st and 3rd Saturday's till September 21. Junk in the Trunk (selling items from vehicles) will be in front of Veteran's Park these same days. If you are interested in either, contact the Village of Minooka 815/467-2151.

SHARE YOUR SKILL OR TALENT

Do you have a hobby, craft or interest you would teach others? The Village of Minooka is looking for those that would be willing to teach others with a one-time, weekly or monthly class. We are open to any creative ideas for children or adults. Please call 815/467-2151 to share your ideas or discuss sharing your skill or talent. Our community benefits from sharing with each other!

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Village President Pat Brennan will deliver the Annual State of the Village Address on Wednesday, April 8 at the Village of Minooka Community Room. For ticket information, contact the Grundy County Chamber office, 815/942-0113.

AROUND TOWN

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Village of Minooka welcomes YOUR ideas and would welcome you to join the Special Events Committee. We meet eight times during the year and plan events for the community. If you are interested in helping Minooka sponsor fun family events, call 815/467-2151 for the next meeting date.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM

Chanooka Wish is accepting applications to receive assistance for school supplies. Forms and information are available at the Village of Minooka and at www.chanookawf.org and are due by June 26. Please join us in our Community Wide School Supply Collection from March 1 to July 11. A drop box is located at the Village of Minooka. Monetary donations accepted on web or mail to: Chanooka Wish, P.O. Box 306, Channahon, IL 60410.

3 RIVERS SOCCER CLUB

Three Rivers Soccer Club will be holding tryouts this coming May as follows:

SOCCER TRYOUTS AT SUMMIT PARK

Tuesday, May 26

U7 5 - 6:15 p.m.

U9 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

U8-5 - 6:15 p.m.

U10 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

U11 5 - 6:15 p.m.

U13 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

U12 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

U14 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28

U7 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

U9 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

U8 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

U10 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Friday, May 29

U11 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

U13 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

U12 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

U14 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 1 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

RECYCLING EVENT

Bring anything to recycle to the huge one-day recycling event held in the Village Hall parking lot on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Gather your confidential papers; prescription and over the counter drugs; water bottles; plastic bags; Styrofoam; film; shrink wrap; cardboard; aluminum cans; electronics of all kinds including TV's, VCR and DVD players, cables, cash registers, cellular phones, computers and parts, copiers, CRT monitors, external drives, fax/scanners, keyboards, laptops, CLD monitors, mouse, iPods, MPD, networking equipment, PDAs, printers, projectors, satellite dishes, servers, stereos, typewriters, blenders, bread makers, cameras, coffee makers, clocks, curling irons, electric knives, electric toothbrushes, fans, fryers, hair cutters, hair dryers, radios, shaving equipment, toaster ovens, vacuum cleaners (without bag).

COMMUNITY MARKET/JUNK IN THE TRUNK

The second and fourth Saturday's in June, July, August and September you are invited to participate and/or shop at the Minooka Community Market. The market takes place in the lower level parking lot on the corner of Wabena and Mondamin. If you would like to sell your items or participate in the Junk in the Trunk sales, call 815/467-2151 for more details.

SUMMERFEST

Minooka's Summerfest, 5K race, and Bean **BAG** Tournament will be Saturday, June 20, sponsored by Minooka Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Minooka Police Dept. will sponsor the "Show It Off Car Show" Thursday, June 19. Details to follow.

From the Building Department

May is Building Safety Month. For over 34 years advances in constructing safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient building and homes have been achieved. The Building Safety campaign helps to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play. The promotion of Building Safety is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures, the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, an efficient system of code enforcement and well-trained staff to maintain the system.

The Village of Minooka mandates a building permit which gives homeowners permission to begin improvement projects or work on your home. It also gives you valuable documentation that will benefit you if you choose to sell your home. The building permit process confirms that a contractor is properly registered by the State of Illinois and the Village of Minooka; it also provides inspections from a Certified Building Inspector to make sure that the project is adhering to modern day codes. The most common home projects in Minooka that require a permit are as follows: a deck, fence, irrigation system, swimming pool, shed, patio, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, or concrete. If you are not sure if your project requires a permit, contact the Village at 815/467-2151. Permit applications can be found on the Village of Minooka website, minooka.com.

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY

Women of all ages are invited to the

Women's Wellness Fair

Sat., May 9 – 9am - 3pm

Village of Minooka Community Room
121 E. McEvelly Road, Minooka

*Focusing on women's and girls' health
related to Moms and Daughters Events,
speakers, workshops etc.*

*All proceeds to
Pink Heels Joliet Chapter*

Vendors will pay a fee and that will be
donated as well as any proceeds
from Tshirt sales and the Yoga Jam



**Come join the movement with other local moms in the
No Excuse Moms Group - Joliet!**

- A **FREE** workout group for women of all shapes, sizes and fitness levels
- Kids are welcome
- Indoor locations at Grace United Methodist Church in Joliet, and evening workouts at the Minooka community room

The title may say No Excuse Moms but this group is open to EVERYONE moms, non moms, grandparents, dads etc.

**For More info and updates send a request to join our
FB page - No Excuse Moms- Joliet
Or contact Ashley Gentile at NEMJoliet@yahoo.com**

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

April 12 - 18 - Unlimited Possibilities

FOOD FOR FINES

Three Rivers Public Library District will be accepting Food for Fines during National Library Week, April 12-18. Bring in **non-expired** food items and we will waive one fine for each donated item, up to \$5 in fines. Donate as much as you'd like; even if you don't currently have fines, you will receive a coupon for future use. Donations will go to local food pantries.

Fine waivers and coupons will be applied to fines on Three Rivers Library cards only and cannot be applied to lost/damaged item fees or collection accounts. Limit one donation/fine coupon per day.

BLURB A BOOK

A blurb - a short description or promotional piece from another author or reviewer - appears on a book's cover. For example, on the cover of Emma Donoghue's novel Room reads "'Potent, darkly beautiful, and revelatory' -Michael Cunningham". Have you got what it takes to get on the cover and win a prize?

During National Library Week, April 12-18, put your writing skills to the test and create an awesome blurb for a book you've just read or an old favorite. It should be no more than 3 sentences. Will yours be funny? Creative? Snarky? Beautiful? Or just plain original? We can't wait to see that you come up with!

Entries will be divided by age groups: Youth (Ages 4-12), Teens (Ages 13-17), Adults (18+). All entries will be voted on by staff and the winners will receive a gift card.

MONEY SMART WEEK: APRIL 19-25

Pay Yourself First: Monday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Securing Your Identity: Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. or Friday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Illinois State Treasurer's I-Cash (Unclaimed Property Division):
Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.

RANDOM HOUSE BOOK BUZZ

Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Want to learn about future bestsellers BEFORE they become bestsellers? How about a chance to read books BEFORE they are published? A representative from Random House will buzz about forthcoming books and provide books, catalogs, and "Keep Calm and Read On" tote bags. Registration required.



Vendor and Craft Show

Friday, March 20th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Village of Minooka Community Room
121 E. McEvelly Road, Minooka

**25+ Local Vendors/Crafters – Raffle Prizes
FREE ADMISSION**

**Contact Nicole for more information
815.255.2252/niki0982@yahoo.com**

**A portion of the proceeds will be donated to
Half-Way Home Animal Rescue**

DATE: MAY 16, 2015 TIME: 10AM-1PM

KIDS: K -5TH GRADES

MINOOKA POLICE DEPT. PARKING LOT

121 E. McEVILLY RD, MINOOKA



Children's Bicycle

Safety Rodeo

Come join us for fun and safety!
Try out our bike safety driving course by testing your skills and knowledge. Free of charge! Just bring your parents*, your bike, bike helmet and gym shoes (NO flip-flops or sandals). All kids will have their bikes inspected, helmets checked for proper fit and receive a goodie bag at the end of the course.

* All parents must sign a waiver at time of registration.

For information contact:

Cindy Wilson (815)467-5637 x 112 Fire Dept.

Denis Tatgenhorst (815)467-2298 Police Dept.

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Message from Chief Meyer

With 2014 behind us, and the long and snowy winter giving way for a wonderful spring in the Village of Minooka, it is a beginning to a positive outlook for 2015. As residents and visitors spend more time enjoying our Village, I would like to remind you to take precautions to ensure you do not become a victim of a crime. In 2014, crime continued to be relatively low but, thefts remain the biggest concern. Often, thefts are crimes of opportunity when you leave vehicles and houses unlock and keep valuables visible and not secured. Protect yourself from becoming a victim. Take steps to protect yourself and your valuables to help ensure a crime-free spring for you. Most importantly, one of our greatest allies is you! Being concerned and attentive when suspicious activity occurs in your neighborhood provides us with the best opportunity to prevent crimes, apprehend suspects and keep our Village safe. Enjoy 2015!

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Services Offered

Fingerprinting

Since the passage of the new conceal carry law, the police department is a certified fingerprint vendor for the conceal carry permit. We also offer fingerprint services for employment, background investigations, liquor license permits, etc. Services are offered on a walk-basis during hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a nominal fee:

Village+State+FBI: \$55.00

Village+State Only: \$38.50

Village+FBI Only: \$40.00

Vacation/House Checks

When you are preparing to leave this spring or summer, let us know and we will be happy to watch over your home. While you are away we will make trips to your home to check your doors and windows for security purposes. Officers will also look for anything unusual. Preventing crime is our goal.

News From Within the Police Department

On February 16, 2015 the Minooka Police Department was awarded by Special Olympics, Illinois the Gold recipient award for agency size of 1-25 for our fundraising efforts towards Special Olympics. This award couldn't have happened without the support from members of the police department and this community. A true partnership, in that our contributions, we will provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for 22,000 athletes in Illinois. So... on Friday, May 30, come to Dunkin Donuts as the Minooka Police Department will again take to the rooftop and raise money for the Special Olympics, Illinois. This will be our first event this year and again with your support, we hope to help as many athletes and receive the Gold recipient award in 2015.

PROGRAMS

Bicycle Rodeo

On May 16, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Minooka Police Department again will be partnering with the Fire Department for the annual Bicycle Rodeo. The purpose of this program is to get kids riding and learning about road safety and bike handling. This is a popular community event. The event also includes a check of helmets and bicycles and a traffic skills course.

Citizens Police Academy/Explorer Program

The Minooka Police department is looking for applicants 21+ for our Citizen Police Academy and 14-21 for our Explorer program. Applications can be obtained from the Police Department. If you are interested in working with the police department or are interested in pursuing a police career in law enforcement, these are two great programs for you! If you have questions regarding these programs contact Denis Tatgenhorst at 815/467-2298

Have You Visited us Online Lately?

We are continually updating our website at www.minooka.com to better serve the community. You'll find features such as weekly bulletins, annual reports, important links, programs and services we offer and much more. Or, you can find us on facebook and "like" our page for up-to-date events and news.

Minooka Fire Protection District

Smoke Signals

The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Pancake Breakfast March 29th



Mark your calendars and pass the syrup!

The Spring Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 29th, 8am-noon. Minooka Fire Department is proud to serve "the best breakfast in town" to our community. Between 600 and 700 people are typically served, so the event provides a great opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors.

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast at Fire Station One Headquarters at 7901 E. Minooka Rd., that includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk and coffee.



Be safe when spring cleaning



Don't you wish you could snap your fingers and all of your spring cleaning would be done? Too bad it doesn't work that way. But we do need to spend a few minutes to safeguard against potential poisoning hazards in our home. Cleaning Products such as bleach, disinfectants, floor and tile cleaners, automatic dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent pods and glass cleaners can be toxic to our family and pets.

Safety Tips:

- Store cleaning products up high and out of children's reach.
- Keep all cleaning products in their original containers with original labels.
- Always read the product label first and use the product according to the directions.
- Never leave a cleaning product open and unattended.
- Never Mix certain cleaning chemicals. They can create toxic gases. Breathing in these fumes can cause coughing, burning of the eyes, nose and throat, and difficulty breathing. Work in well-ventilated areas when using cleaning products.

Lawn Care and Pesticide Safety



Fertilizers can irritate the skin and stomach. After using fertilizer, make sure everyone stays off the lawn for two days or until it rains. Pesticides are also dangerous poisoning hazards and are likely to be more toxic than lawn fertilizers.

Safety Tips:

- Wear protective clothing (gloves, glasses, long sleeves, and pants).
- Do not apply on a windy day.
- Keep children and pets away during application and until the product dries, or as directed on the label.
- Always store lawn chemicals in the original container, complete with labels that list ingredients, directions for use and first-aid steps in case of an accidental poisoning.



If you think someone has been poisoned, call the Illinois Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Chanooka Wish



UPCOMING SCHOOL SUPPLIES /EASTER APPLICATIONS

Chanooka Wish Assistance Programs

We are looking to assist the families in hardship through the year. We have several programs we offer that allow families to get the necessities while focusing their finances on other areas in need. Please visit the website to learn about how else we can help you.

If you are interested in joining us in helping our community please send us and email. Carolyn@Chanookawf.org

CW PROGRAMS

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Send / Mail it in
Receive notification for pick up
Help us Help You!

CHANOOKA WISH

PO Box 306
Channahon, IL 60410

www.chanookawf.org

**School Supply Due
June 24**



MEALS ON WHEELS FOUNDATION OF GRUNDY COUNTY A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Community Nutrition Network is a non-profit organization providing hot nutritious daily home delivered meals to low income or disabled seniors in Grundy County. In FY2014, we delivered over 20,000 meals.

We provide one nutritious hot home delivered meal to seniors who are frail, disabled or may not have a family member to assist them. We have over 70 volunteer drivers that take the meals door to door throughout the month in Grundy County. (Coal City, Gardner, Braceville, South Wilmington, Mazon Morris, and Minooka). Often these volunteers are the only contact our seniors have with the outside world so this also serves as a wellness check for these seniors. Many of our seniors are struggling with paying for their medication and finding it hard to afford healthy meals. This is where CNN steps into plan, as we deliver these meals to our seniors regardless of their ability to contribute for them, ensuring they receive healthy food regularly. These meals meet the nutrition standards for 1/3 of their daily recommended nutrition. We are in need of volunteer drivers in Minooka to deliver meals to our homebound seniors. Delivery usually takes less than an hour. Days are very flexible, even if you can only drive once a week/month it would be appreciated. Please call Cindy at 1-815-941-1590

We also have congregate Café programs for seniors that are able to still get out and about. Any senior 60+ is eligible to participate at these cafés. Our main community cafe is in Morris at Saratoga Towers where we offer a hot nutritious meal every day. We also have satellite cafés in various rural locations throughout Grundy County to make it easier for seniors to participate. Our other locations are at Coal City Lions Club, Mazon Legion, Whistle Stop Restaurant, and R – Place Restaurant. We have served over 20,000 meals at these different locations in FY 2014. This program is essential in keeping our seniors active and motivated by volunteering their time helping us out with various projects. Many seniors are staying active in the program by volunteering their time in many different ways. It gets them out of their houses to socialize and interact with other seniors. We have guest speakers that come in to provide nutrition education and safety education such as fraud and scams.

Community Nutrition Network is happy to announce we are opening up a new Café located at the **VILLAGE OF MINOOKA** 121 E McEvelly Road, Minooka, IL. Our first meal will be March 23, 2015. It will be catered by R – Place Restaurant. We will be serving Pork Chops, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Dessert. The Suggested Donation is \$6.00. Reservation must be made at least 3 days in advance for the caterer to prepare for the meal. You will need to call **Community Nutrition Network** to make a reservation at **1-815-941-1590**. Do not call the restaurant or the Village. We will have a 12:00 meal and BINGO will follow the meal. Come join us in Great Food and a good time. CNN has monthly Cafe' menus available on our Web site cnssa.org. Feel free to come join us at any of our other locations. Don't forget to make reservations!!

Cindy Helland

Nutrition Director
Development Associate

PUBLIC WORKS

Goals for 2015

With winter coming to an end, we direct our focus on projects for the summer ahead.

Streets and Alleys

Emerald Ash Borer Beetle Quarantine

- Continue removing damaged ash trees
- Install a diverse variety of replacement parkway trees

Retention Pond Maintenance

- Control vegetation around pond's perimeters
- Control aquatic weeds and algae
- Optimize performance of pond aeration

Street Signs

- Verify signage inventory meets MUTCD requirements

Waste Water Department

Collection System

- Monitor and control excessive hydrogen sulfide levels in the collection system

Water Department

Fire Hydrants

- Flush system hydrants to ensure highest water quality
- Collect fire hydrant flow data to improve Village's ISO rating
- Continue painting fire hydrants

Valves

- Exercise water system control valves and service valves

Parks Department

Tot Lots

- Install new mulch surfacing in 7 of our 14 playground tot lots
- Install alternation controls to Summit Park splash pad to conserve water usage

Mosquito Control Program

- Protect public health by emphasizing mosquito larvae control

#1 Meet the needs of Minooka's residents

Utility Billing

Utility billing includes garbage, water and sewer services on a bi-monthly billing schedule. Bills are sent out January 1st, March 1st, May 1st, July 1st, September 1st, and November 1st. Customers have 15 days to pay their bill before a penalty of 10% is rendered. Payments are accepted through mail, electronic debiting, or in person at Village Hall.

Water Bi-monthly Charges	
First 4,000 gallons	\$12.48
4,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$3.12 per 1,000 gallons
100,000 gallons and above	\$2.83 per 1,000 gallons

Sanitary Bi-monthly Charges	
First 4,000 gallons	\$19.04
4,001 gallons and above	\$4.76 per 1,000 gallons

Garbage Bi-monthly Charges		
Standard Garbage Tote	64 gal.	\$40.64
Opt. Size Garbage Tote upon request	96 gal.	\$41.10
Recycling Tote		Included with service
Yard Waste (April 1 to Nov. 29)	Unlimited	Included with service

The Village is supplying a new larger 95 gallon recycling bin in March and will be scheduling pick-up for recyclables every other week. Along with the new bin will be a pick-up schedule and map of the included areas. A calendar can also be found at www.mydisposal.com. Garbage pick-up schedules will remain on the same day; however, recyclables will be picked up every other week on garbage day according to your schedule. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Heartland/Homewood Disposal at 815-942-5851.

TIPS FOR CART PLACEMENT

Your new program is a semi-automated program. It is very important that your carts are placed at the curb properly. A mechanical arm is used to pick up and empty the cart. To help us better serve you, please be sure to follow the guidelines below.

- Place cart within two feet from the curb.
- Avoid placing the cart near low hanging tree branches.
- Place the cart at least two feet away from permanent structures like mailboxes, walls, lamp posts, utility boxes, vehicles, etc.
- Place your cart on a level surface prior to pickup.
- Make sure nothing is in between your cart and the street. A good place for your cart is in the driveway.
- When at the curb, cart wheels should be closest to the house.
- Additional placement instructions are also on the lid of your new cart.



Potable Water Backflow Preventers

What is backflow?

“Backflow” means the reversal of water flow from its normal or intended direction of flow.

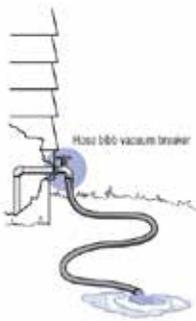
What is back-siphonage?

Back-siphonage occurs when there is a partial vacuum in a water supply system, which draws the water from a contaminated source into a potable water supply.

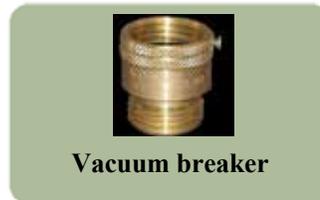
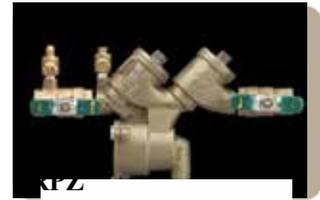
Who needs a backflow preventer?

Customers who risk any type of possible system contamination due to back-siphonage including homes with lawn irrigation systems, food or beverage processing plants, chemical plants, treatment plants, hospitals, etc.

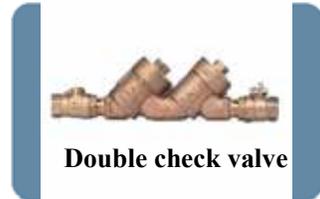
What is a backflow preventer?



1. RPZ / reduced pressure zone assembly
2. Air gap
3. Double check valve assembly
4. Pressure type vacuum breaker
5. Barometric loop



Vacuum breaker



Double check valve

Where is it located?

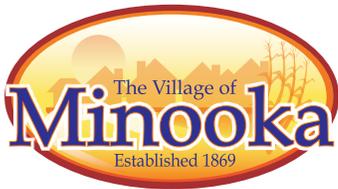
Backflow preventers are installed at the entry point of your water service connection (next to the water meter) or outside next to your irrigation systems entry point. Vacuum breakers are installed to each hose bib, threaded faucet, or wherever there is a possibility of a hose being attached which could be introduced to a contaminant.

To protect the water consumers of the Village, backflow preventers shall be tested and submitted annually to our partners at BSI Online. BSI sends notice in the mail 32 days in advance of the device’s annual test date. A second notice will be sent out 1 day after device test date has passed without test results being submitted. Failure to comply to having your backflow preventer tested and in proper working order may result in fines of \$100.00 per day.

If you are unsure about having a backflow device or are unsure if one is required at your location give us a call at 815-467-8868. *Thank you*

Village Ordinance - Title 10 Chapter 4:

Any violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Section [1-4-1](#) of the Minooka Municipal Code. Each day that a violation of the provisions of this Chapter exists shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. 1992-3, 2-11-1992)



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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 7:00 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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Speak Out !

Communicate with Minooka elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, 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. McEvelly, Minooka, IL 60447.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Comment: _____

