

# The Village of Minooka

[www.minooka.com](http://www.minooka.com)

## Minooka Summerfest



### 2015

**Ron Swanson**



**Wannabe  
Contest**

Minooka Summerfest 2015

Food & Beer Tent • Pork Chop/Chicken Dinner • Live Music  
Stage Entertainment • Bean Bag Tournament • Farmers' Market  
5K Run • Bingo • Kids' Games • Climbing Wall  
Kiddie Parade • Arts & Craft Fair

**NEW for 2015** - Ron Swanson Wannabe Contest

**Friday, June 19th and  
Saturday, June 20th, 2015**

Downtown Minooka

Live Music by  
Back Country Roads (Friday )  
The Fortunate Sons and ARRA (Saturday)

**Thursday, June 18th**

"Show It Off" Car Show  
& Teen Battle of the Bands

**Minooka Lions Club  
Fund Raiser**



For more information:  
[www.MinookaLionsClub.com](http://www.MinookaLionsClub.com)

## Minooka Summerfest 5K

**Saturday, June 20th,  
Downtown Minooka**

**Registration starts at 6:45am; Race starts at 8:00am**

**Free Kids' Run, Prizes, and Awards to follow!**

**Tech Shirts and Goodie Bags!**

**Professional Chip Race Timing!**

**\$25 Race Fee, \$30 after June 8th**

## Minooka Summerfest 5k



### 2015

Registration information:

See our website at [www.MinookaLionsClub.com](http://www.MinookaLionsClub.com)  
for all race information and links to online registration  
or print-ready registration form.

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To Serve You Better  
**Welcome to  
Your Newsletter**

## **8th Annual Minooka Summerfest Knights of Columbus Fundraising Bean Bag Tournament**

SPONSORED BY HEARTLAND BANK



**When:** Saturday, June 20

**Location:** Minooka Summerfest –  
Crossings Business Center Parking Lot  
(South of RR Tracks)

**Registration:** 10:00AM

**Start:** 11:00AM

**Pre-Registration Deadline:** June 15, 2015

\$30 pre-register by June 15, 2015

\$40 per team after June 15, 2015

**Prizes:** Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

**Matches:** Matches will be played in the best 2 out of 3 format

**Registration:** Complete registration form and return to  
Minooka Village Hall OR make checks payable to:  
Knights of Columbus Council 12882. Mail form/  
check to:

John Bukowski

26234 Erin Isle

Channahon, IL 60410

**Complete Form/Rules available at:** [www.minooka.com](http://www.minooka.com)

**Any Questions Please Contact:** John Bukowski 815/521-1970 or [johnbuko@juno.com](mailto:johnbuko@juno.com)

## ***From Your Village President***

I am writing this on a very cool day for spring. I talked to my son in Denver a few days ago and he said they had five inches of snow the night before, so I count my blessings to have cool weather and no snow. It will be hot in a few days and we will all be talking to each other about how warm we are!

May brings lilacs, garage sales, bike riders, park usage and Memorial Day. I hope you were able to experience the Memorial Day parade. It is a wonderful event arranged by our outstanding Minooka American Legion and Commander Dave Corbin. It is my privilege to visit Minooka 2nd Grade classrooms to explain what Memorial Day is all about. I look forward to this event all year!



I have to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers that came to help clean up Minooka on Saturday, May 16. There were two full dump trucks overflowing with garbage bags filled by residents, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, employees of Grainger, students of Minooka schools and the Minooka Woman's Club. Thank you to the Village Engineers, Robinson Engineering, that helped cover the cost of lunch for the 135+ volunteers. Minooka High School Culinary Class made cookies for the volunteers and we are grateful for their contribution to the lunch.

Minooka has a very active Lions Club and they organize an annual Summerfest event which will be Saturday, June 20. There will be a car show Thursday evening, a band Friday night and Saturday will be a full day of family fun in downtown Minooka. I hope to see you as we all support the Lions Club that gives back so much to our community.

We are happy to report that the Hampton Hotel coming to Minooka is progressing very well toward its completion in September. Because of the hotel, other businesses are sure to fill the other seven lots on Bob Blair Road.

Finally, thanks for all you do to keep Minooka the nice place it is to live. I hope to see you at our summer events. Be safe and watch out for children playing!

**Pat Brennan, Village President**

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## ***From Your Village Administrator***

### **Fixing the State and What it Means for Minooka**

As the State of Illinois and Governor Rauner work during their spring sessions to try and create a balanced budget and bring the State back into fiscal responsible condition, several communities including the Village of Minooka are concerned. One particular issue that Governor Rauner's proposal to help bring more money down to Springfield, was to cut in half our local government's share of the state income tax or also known as the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF). The governor's proposal, announced during his February 18 Budget Address to the Illinois General Assembly, is still on the table as lawmakers are currently trying to balance 2015/2016 State fiscal year budget.

For the Village of Minooka, this single proposal would mean a reduction in our fiscal budget of about 10%, or \$530,000.00 less in LGDF revenues.

When the Illinois state income tax began in 1969, the state asked local governments to forego enacting a local income tax with the understanding that the municipalities would instead receive 10-percent of the income taxes that the state collected from the residents within their jurisdiction.

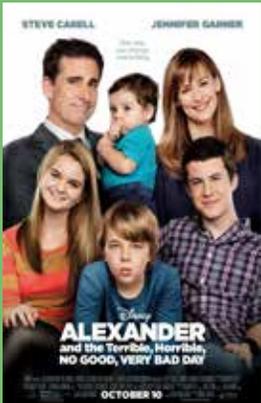
What does that LGDF do locally? Local governments count on LGDF funds to operate their municipalities. Specifically, it pays for services like snow plowing, 24/7 police patrols and general maintenance of our towns ... all direct services people utilize and depend on every day. LGDF revenue is the best investment that taxpayers will ever make because it represents a return of their money to fund local services where they actually reside.

Over the last few months, Village officials have been working with our State representative and government officials to make them aware of the impact locally of lost revenues, specifically how taking local LGDF income tax dollars would hurt local communities like Minooka.

**Dan Duffy, Village Administrator**

# NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

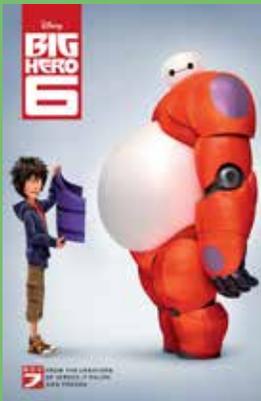
## ADMIT ONE



## SUMMER MOVIES AT LAKEWOOD PARK

### JUNE 19

## ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY



### JULY 24

## BIG HERO 6

### AUGUST 28

## CINDERELLA



## ALL MOVIES BEGIN AT 8:45 P.M.

Snacks Available for Purchase  
Minooka Baseball/Softball Association

BRING LAWN CHAIRS, BLANKETS  
& BUG SPRAY

## FREE!!!

## ADMIT ONE

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

303 W. St. Mary Street, Minooka

#### TOTUS TUUS - July 18-24, 2015

Totus Tuus is a diocesan catechetical summer youth program whereby seminarians and college students travel throughout the summer proclaiming the Gospel through Catechetical instruction, Mass, Confession, games, fun and more!

Students entering Grades 1-6

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Cost \$25

Students entering Grades 7-12

Sun-Thurs 7-9 p.m. Cost - \$10

Family Rate: \$70 for 3 or more children grades 1-6

### MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

205 W. Church Street, Minooka

Welcomed Pastor Sara Hong and her husband, Rev. Caleb Hong (faith UMC, Orland Park), and their two daughters - Abigail & Lydia May 1.

*Minooka United Methodist Preschool* has openings for the fall 2015-2016 school year in both our 3 year old and 4 year old program. Please call 815-467-4708 or email [mumpsreg@gmail.com](mailto:mumpsreg@gmail.com) for more information.

#### MUMC Youth Group

Facebook: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

MinookaAreaYouth, [www.minookaumc.com](http://www.minookaumc.com),

or call Mike at (630) 518-0476

#### Vacation Bible School

July 12-17, 5:45-8:00 p.m. - "Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides"

Registration through July 10 - online at [www.minookaumc.com](http://www.minookaumc.com) or call 815-467-2322. A small donation for t-shirts.

### MINOOKA BIBLE CHURCH

412 N. Wabena, Minooka

#### Services:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Great Church Giveaway - 8:00 - 10 a.m

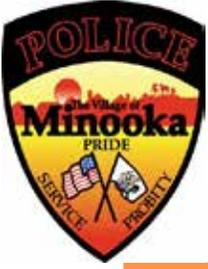
Saturday, August 15

### VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Meeting at Minooka Junior High School

#### Services:

Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



**Minooka Police Department Presents**



*The*  
**"Show it off"**  
*Car Show*

**To Benefit Special Olympics Illinois**

**Thursday June 18, 2015**

**5:00pm to 9:00pm**

- ◇ *All proceeds donated to Special Olympics Illinois*
- ◇ *Hot Rods & Show Cars*
- ◇ *Raffles*
- ◇ *Special Olympics Illinois Merchandise*

**Contact: Denis Tatgenhorst**  
**Minooka Police Department**  
**121 E. McEvelly Rd. ~ Minooka, IL 60447**  
**Phone: 815-467-2298 ~ Fax: 815-467-9731**  
**Email: [denis.tatgenhorst@minooka.com](mailto:denis.tatgenhorst@minooka.com)**



Hosted at  
**Minooka Ace Hardware**  
**855 Ridge Rd.**  
**Minooka, IL 60447**

**\$10 Entry Fee**



# C.U.R.E.

Childrens Upscale Resale Event

## Back to School Sale

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fri. 4-7:30pm

Sat. 9am-3pm

Sun. (half off day\*) 10am-2pm

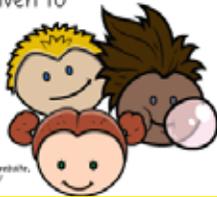


121 east McEvelly in Minooka, IL



- \*Half off items will be price as marked
- \*Donated items left after sale will be given to Chanooka Wish Families
- \*No strollers allowed

We accept cash and credit cards



Like us on Facebook "Childrens Upscale Resale" or visit our website, [www.childrensupscaleresale.com](http://www.childrensupscaleresale.com) for more information!

## Bring the family to a **FREE** Concert at Lions Park

THE CLASSIC ROCK GROUP

# NO LEFT TURN



PLAYING FRIDAY, JULY 17 - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Rain Date – Sunday, July 26

Bring your lawn chairs! Snacks provided!

[www.reverbNation.com/NoLeftTurn4](http://www.reverbNation.com/NoLeftTurn4)

## The National Fitness Hall of Fame's Traveling Museum Exhibit & Show

Location: New Village Community Room

Friday – June 5, 2015 (5-8pm)

Doors open at 5pm - Show is 6-7pm



Meet Senior World Powerlifting Champion & 2012 NFHOF Inductee, Coach Frank "Rudy" Ruettiger

### FREE

- \* Admission
- \* Raffles
- \* Snacks
- \* & more!

Special Performance by the MTC Drill Team

Minooka Tennis Club - Intermediate Drill Team - Spring 2015



Sponsored by:

**Elegant Escapes Salon & Day Spa**

101 W. Wapella St. – Minooka, IL

(815) 416-9076

Full Waxing Services – Leg, Bikini, Back, more!

Pre-register at – [www.minookatennisclub.com](http://www.minookatennisclub.com)

## *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 weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Water bills are payable by mail, in person, or online at [www.minooka.com](http://www.minooka.com) at Epay or GovPayNet.

## *Recycle Event Cancelled*

Regrettably, the Village of Minooka is unable to offer to the community a Recycling Event this year. The State of Illinois banned e-waste from landfills last year making it costly for the Village to host such an opportunity. While we are unable to offer the event, here is where you can dispose of any items you would like to rid yourself of that cannot go in your weekly garbage pickup:

- Shredding Papers: (2 Box limit per vehicle) Saturday, June 20 from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Heartland Bank, Shorewood
- Batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, hearing aids: Grundy County Land Use Dept., 815/941-3229; Batteries Plus, Interstate Battery, Napa Auto Parts.
- Newspapers, aluminum cans, scrap metals, cardboard: Cardinal Recycling, 815/416-1500
- Medications and Syringes: Village of Minooka Police Dept. entrance
- Eye Glasses: Village of Minooka Office entrance
- Textiles, shoes, clothes, household: US Again boxes in Minooka or Amvets Truck parked at Ace Hardware
- Electronics: Troy Highway Department, 25358 Seil Road, Shorewood, 815/828-5275
- Computers: Vintage Tech, 877/540-7215
- Printer Cartridges and Toner: Staples, 922 Brook Forest, Shorewood, 815/609-2387
- Plastic, Styrofoam, Cardboard: Verdeco Plastics Recycling; 23315 S. Youngs Road, Channahon, 815/255-1585
- Packing Materials (peanuts, plastic, Styrofoam): Ship-N-Mail, 601 Division, Morris, 815/941-4140
- Paint: Ace Hardware, 855 S. Ridge Road, Minooka, 815/467-7300 (fee)

For further information, contact Will County Land Use Dept., 58 E. Clinton Street, Joliet, 815/774-3321, or Grundy County Land Use Dept., 1320 Union Street, Morris, 815/941-3229.

## *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!

## *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.

## *BUY LOCAL!*

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

## *From the Building Department*

One of the best ways to escape the summer heat is having a pool in your back yard. The following guidelines will insure a safe environment for all.

To obtain a Permit for a pool, you will need a Plat of Survey showing the location of the pool; show the distance of the pump and filter from house; show the distance of the pool from overhead and underground electrical conductors; and a letter from your homeowners association approving the proposed work if applicable.

A fence must be 6' enclosing the yard or a barrier constructed on top of the pool that provides an overall barrier of 6'. The pool must be located 10' from side and rear property lines and 10' from the home and can only be placed in the rear yard. All ladders must have the capability of closing and locking. All gates must be self-closing and self-latching. A temporary fence must be provided while the site is under construction. No structure of any kind will be allowed in an overland relief route. No extension cords of any kind will be approved. A Ground Fault Interrupter receptacle with a direct line to the fuse panel is required. A final inspection to check placement, fencing, general construction and electrical work is required.

Inflatable pools are no exception. They require fencing 4' surrounding the pool or lot, and must be plugged into a Ground Fault Interrupter if a filter is in use.

# AROUND TOWN

## **OUTDOOR FITNESS/BOOT CAMP**

Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in June at Summit Park. Come join us for fun and fitness. Don't hesitate! Change your life and improve your health now at a great value of \$8/session. Receive personalized guidance. All levels are encouraged to come. Call or email for additional information and questions.

## **MINOOKA COMMUNITY MARKET**

The Community Market is ever-changing and this year there will be a vast assortment of items. For \$5 per parking spot, anyone can sell their wares. Garden produce, home party goods, hand made crafts, even turn your Trash to Treasure (garage sale items), antiques, etc. Come to sell or shop at the Minooka Market. Open 9:00 a.m. to noon the 2nd and 4th Saturday's in June, July, August and September. The market takes place in the lower level parking lot on the corner of Wabena and Mondamin. Call 815/467-2151 for more details. First Market Date: June 13!

## **SUMMER SAFARI WORKSHOP FOR KIDS**

Children of all ages are invited to a "Stuff-N-Fluff" Animal Workshop where kids make their own safari zebra! This is a supervised event and each child will get a birth certificate to name their animal. The event will be at the Village of Minooka Community Room on Wednesday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12. Registration is required by calling 815/467-2151.

## **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Join us for Ladies Night Out for a free 45 minute Gentle Yoga Session hosted by Nurture The Journey and community gathering featuring pop up shops from your favorite local women and their goodies! Meet at the Village of Minooka Community Room Friday, June 12, Friday, July 10 and Friday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

## **BEGINNING DANCING FOR COUPLES**

Bring a partner and learn the ballroom basics (waltz, box step, foxtrot and swing). Join in a fun, easy-to-learn environment and learn to dance to a variety of musical genres including big band, rock and roll, country and contemporary. Enjoy spending time learning a new skill as a couple and be prepared for a variety of social dance events. Classes will be at the Village of Minooka Community Room Saturday, June 27, July 11 & 25 and August 8. Class will be at 7:00 p.m., dancing from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. \$25 per class per couple. Call the Village of Minooka 815/467-2151 for more details and to sign up.

## **4TH ANNUAL BICYCLE RIDE TO CURE FA**

(Friedreich's Ataxia – a genetic, debilitating, life-shortening, neuro-muscular disorder)

From Channahon to Chicago on Sunday, July 19, 2015. A ride for everyone – 4, 12, 32 & 52 mile route options. Detailed info and registration: [rideataxia.org/Chicago](http://rideataxia.org/Chicago)

## **BOOKIES BOOK CLUB**

If you like to read, you are invited to join the Minooka Book Club. Meet fellow readers and make new friends at the Village of Minooka Community Room the 2nd Saturday every month. 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.

## **LOG CABIN QUILT GUILD**

You are invited to join the Quilt Guild the fourth Wednesday every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. For more information, call 815/467-2151.

## **SUMMER FUN AT THE MINOOKA LIBRARY**

Summer Reading at Three Rivers Public Library District  
Read to the Rhythm - June 8 to July 25 with rockin' programs, cool contests, and funky prizes. Three Rivers Library will have you "Reading to the Rhythm" all summer long. Summer Reading is open to all ages, from birth through adult. There are four separate programs: adults 18 and older, tweens & teens age 10-17 years, independent readers, and pre-readers. Registration for all four programs begins June 1 at 9:00 a.m. at Minooka Library or online at <http://www.trpld.org/content/SRP>. Reading can be logged from June 8-July 25.

## **TWEENS & TEENS @ THREE RIVERS LIBRARY**

This summer, the library is the place to be as you rock out with awesome programs just for you and your crew. Build your own musical instruments at Musical Mayhem day camp, play video games or classic games like Win, Lose, or Draw and Name That Tune, create cool art, sing Karaoke, and win prizes for reading! Everything is more fun when you bring your friends, so grab your besties and sign up to have your best summer ever at Three Rivers Library. See what's happening at <http://bit.ly/TRPLDSummerTeen>.

## **SING-A-LONG SATURDAYS AT THREE RIVERS LIBRARY**

12:30 p.m. at Minooka Branch

Sing along with your favorite songs and enjoy the provided movie snacks. You must be registered in advance to save your seat. Sign up early so you don't miss out! Here's the movie line-up: Saturday, June 20, Pitch Perfect (PG-13); Saturday, June 27, Frozen (PG); Saturday, July 18, Grease (PG).

## **WHITE SOX BUS TRIP**

Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals Game – July 17  
Come and participate in a fun-filled bus trip to U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago for Library Appreciation Night! A spot on the bus and a ticket for the game is \$30. Tickets are first come, first serve, so sign up fast at either Three Rivers Library locations! Bus will depart from Channahon Library at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 7:10 p.m. Ticket fees are due at the time of registration. You will be put on the waiting list until payment is received. Waivers are also required to attend the game, so please pick up a form at either library location when signing up online.

## **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT AT LIONS PARK**

Everyone is invited to a free concert Friday, July 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Lions Park. Local residents make up the band called "No Left Turn". Snacks will be provided. Bring your lawn chair and bug spray if needed.

### **RETIREES LUNCH INVITATION**

Anyone 60+ is invited to attend the Community Nutrition Network Senior Lunches held at the Village of Minooka Community Room the third Monday every month from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch is catered and a suggested donation is \$6.00. Bingo follows (with prizes!). Call 815-941-1590 to sign up.

### **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](http://www.chanookawf.org) and are due by June 26. Please join us in our Community Wide School Supply Collection till 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.

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE MINOOKA CREAMERY**

Christmas in July is an opportunity to help the community and do some fun things just as you would do for Christmas. Saturday, July 25 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. there will be story time and crafts with Mrs. Claus, and a snowman eating contest. Bring a can or two to donate to the food pantry collection for Grundy County and new, unopened toys for Toys for Tots (or monetary donation). Free for everyone! For more info: call 815/467-9699 or [minookacreamery.com](http://minookacreamery.com) or [facebook/minookacreamery](https://www.facebook.com/minookacreamery).

### **LEARN TO CROCHET**

Classes are forming now for a summer crochet class. Call 815/467-2151 for more details.

### **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, August 29 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.

### **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 at Lions Park.

### **IGNITE CHEERLEADING**

Ignite Cheerleading is a youth cheerleading and dance program which currently has ten recreational locations in the Chicago's south suburbs with our home gym in Minooka. The purpose of this program is to promote organized youth cheerleading and dance for ages 5 and up. Our Minooka location houses our Chanooka Panthers recreational team that consists of three divisions based on age. This location also houses our All Star, Prep and Pom teams as well as group, private and team tumbling classes. We strive to teach and encourage teamwork, dedication and confidence no matter what team participants are part of. All Star team evaluations are going on now and Recreational team sign ups start in August. For more information or to join the Ignite Cheerleading family, please go to [www.ignitecheerleading.com](http://www.ignitecheerleading.com).

### **PARKS PAVILION RENTALS**

Minooka has two park pavilions that are rentable for a \$50 deposit for parties. Many of the weekends are already booked. Call the Village of Minooka at 815/467-2151 for more details.

### **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 to while you get in a workout led by every day moms as well certified instructors. You can join us for workouts at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 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](mailto:nemjoliet@yahoo.com). We look forward to working out with you!

### **MINOOKA GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scout signups were the last week of May but there is room for more! Contact Amy at [dabbs97@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dabbs97@sbcglobal.net) or call 309/453-9967 with questions.

### **MINOOKA BOY SCOUTS**

Boys grades 5 to 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 815/467-0565 or [jjwooten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjwooten@sbcglobal.net).

### **GRUNDY TRANSIT SYSTEM (GTS)**

The Grundy Transit System provides curb-to-curb transportation to Grundy County residents anywhere in the County, with daily service to Joliet. All buses are ADA compliant and are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Rides should be scheduled one business day in advance by calling 888/786-0862 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service is provided Monday – Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fares within Grundy County are \$3 (\$6 roundtrip), and \$4 each way outside Grundy County. Multi-ride fare cares are available from the bus drivers and Village of Minooka office.

### **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.

# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



**Discovery Child Care & Learning Center**  
**101 W. Wapella, Suite 119, Minooka**  
**815/828-5202**

At Discovery Child Care, children are involved in developmentally appropriate activities throughout the day. The focus is on whole child development. Weekly activities include: Reading, Language Activities, Art, Cooking, Music, Health and Nutrition, Social Science, and Math Concepts. FREE parental web surveillance is also offered.

Days of Operation: Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Licensed for 82 children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Discovery Child Care offers a Summer Camp as well as before and after school, daytime, full-time or part-time care. Call 815/828-5202 and talk to Erica, Director and Minooka resident with 20 years early childhood experience.



**Vuli Ahmedi,**  
**Minooka Resident**

**"Petition Signing Event - The End of Bullying Begins With Me"**

Bullying is a real issue in our world today. You are invited to come and help support Vuli Ahmedi who is competing in the international pageants. She chose anti bullying as her platform and partnered with Pacer - National Bullying Prevention Center. The

signing represents a stronger voice against bullying to encourage kids, teens and adults which will hopefully lead to more influence to protect students and build safer schools. Show your support on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Minooka Community Room.

## CLEAN UP DAY



Thanks to everyone who helped clean the Village of Minooka and a special thanks to Robinson Engineering that provided the lunch for the volunteers.



**2 DUMP TRUCKS OF GARBAGE BAGS PICKED UP BY 135 VOLUNTEERS!**

# Minooka Police Department

Thursday August 20, 2015

5:00pm to 9:00pm



## Cops & Rodders Car Show

To Benefit Illinois Special Olympics

Minooka Ace Hardware

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Minooka, IL 60447

**\$20 Entry Fee  
for Show Cars**

- ◆ All Proceeds are donated to Illinois Special Olympics
- ◆ Police Cars from Departments all over
- ◆ Hot Rods & Show Cars
- ◆ Raffles
- ◆ Illinois Special Olympics Merchandise



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## 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.

### Swimming Safety Tips



Swimming is a great recreational sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. It's important to know how to be safe while you are in or near the water. Here are a few safety tips to be aware of before you head out to the pool or beach:

- Never swim alone
- An adult should supervise child at all times, even when there is a lifeguard on duty
- Knowing CPR can help save a life
- Make sure everyone in the family learns to swim.
- If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers.
- Protect your skin. Limit the amount of direct sunlight and wear sunscreen with at least a SPF 15.

#### Babysitting Class

Kids...interested in making a few dollars this summer?? This class is for you! If you are 11-15 years old, sign up today! Visit our website for more information: [www.minookafire.com](http://www.minookafire.com)

- June 12 8a-3p Friday
- June 26 8a-3p Friday

### Leave fireworks to the professionals



In 2013, eight people died and about 11,400 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, home-made or other illegal fireworks or explosives, 40 percent were from legal, less powerful devices.

Fireworks also are responsible for thousands of home fires each year. The National Fire Protection Association reports that in 2011, fireworks caused about 1,200 structure fires.

#### Sparklers

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but they are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Parents don't realize they burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and many children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.



#### Sky Lanterns

Yes, sky lanterns are illegal in Illinois. Sky lanterns present a potential risk for injuries and fires. The paper-made lanterns contain a small candle or fuel cell that, when lit, heats the air into the lantern, making it rise into the air. Sky lanterns travel a long distance without any control of their final destination. They have been known to cause residential and forest fires, as well as other losses. They also represent a hazard to aviation and a distraction to vehicular traffic.



So, this July 4th grab a blanket, a patch of lawn and let the professionals impress your family.

## *Message from Chief Meyer*

School is out, graduations are over and the arrival of the warm summer months are upon us. Vacation? Well..... Maybe not so fast. You have been asked to do those wonderful "honey do lists" to maintain value to your number one asset, your home. But, your family and friends are getting ready for that vacation you're missing out on and you know your summer will consist of staying home, working. Unless....you hire someone? But, before you do that you should find out as much as you can about a contractor before hiring him and her.

Home Repair fraud is becoming more and more common as the Illinois Attorney General receives a thousand complaints of home repair fraud each year. Home Repair Fraud in brief is an agreement or contract, written or oral with a person for home repair, and he knowingly: (1) Misrepresents a material fact relating to the terms of the contract or agreement or the preexisting or existing condition of any portion of the property involved, or creates or confirms another's impression which is false and which he does not believe to be true, or promises performance which he does not intend to perform or knows will not be performed; or (2) uses or employs any deception, false pretense or false promises in order to induce, encourage or solicit such person to enter into any contract or agreement.

Here are a couple steps to take when choosing a contractor or home repair company according to the Illinois Attorney General:

- Check contractor complaint records with the Illinois Attorney General, Better Business Bureau or local Village Hall.
- Get recommendations and references. Talk to friends, family, and other people or whom the contractor has done similar work.
- Get at least three written estimates from contractors who have come to your home to evaluate what needs to be done.
- Make sure the contractor meets licensing and registration requirements by contacting the appropriate governmental authority.
- Contact your local building inspection department to check for permit and inspection requirements.
- Be sure your contractor has the required personal liability, property damage, and worker's compensation insurance for his or her workers and subcontractors. Get copies of the contractor's proof of insurance. Also check with your insurance company to find out if you are covered for any injury or damage that may occur.
- Be wary of businesses that operate out of post office boxes, private mailboxes, and suites instead of local business addresses.

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## ***POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS***

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### ***Fireworks***

One of my favorite holiday's is July 4, the adoption of the declaration of Independence. This day people usually celebrate with fireworks. Well, accordingly to Title 8 Chapter 2 Section 7 of the Village of Minooka ordinance fireworks is considered a nuisance and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, sell at retail or use or explode any fireworks; provided, however, that the president and village board may issue a permit for pyrotechnical and consumer displays. Definition of fireworks can be found at [www.minooka.com](http://www.minooka.com).

### ***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 house. 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.

### ***Citizens Police Academy/Explorer Program***

The Minooka Police department is looking for applicants of 21 years of age or older for our Citizen Police Academy and 14-21 years of age 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.

### ***Facebook/Website - Have You Visited us Online Lately?***

We are continually upgrading our website at [www.minooka.com](http://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.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## ***MFT STREET PROJECTS FOR 2015***

Resurfacing of the following streets is anticipated to begin in August for the following streets:

- Prairie Ridge Drive (Ridge to Wabena)
- Blazing Star (Switchgrass to Indian Grass)
- Wabena ( Wabena Court south 500ft)
- Prairie View Drive (Ridge to Plantain)
- San Carlos (Santos to Jardine)
- Sibley (gas pipeline crossing)
- East Coady (Wabena to 200ft west of Arrowhead)
- Deerpath Drive (Hiawatha to 100ft south of Church)
- Feeney Drive (Clennon to 300ft south of Edgewater)

Crack sealing and stripping will completed in various locations throughout the Village.

## ***PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE***

Please remember parkway trees require a minimum clearance maintained under trees of approximately fourteen feet on the street side and twelve feet on the sidewalk side. Large vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks, garbage trucks, street sweepers, etc. utilize the streets and are unable to clear the lower branches. Unfortunately both the vehicle and the trees can sustain damage when contact is made. Many people using the sidewalks are confronted with low hanging branches from both parkway trees and yard trees. Remember when leaves on trees become saturated with moisture they will cause branches to hang as much as a foot lower.

The Village has an ongoing annual tree trimming program that rotates into different quadrants of the Village consisting of trimming and removing lower branches that are below the height of twelve to fourteen feet above sidewalks and streets. This year the Village has been trimming trees in the Reflections, Bonita Vista, and the Downtown areas.

If you should have any desire to plant trees within the parkway please be aware that the Village has a Parkway Tree List available.

## ***STREETLIGHT OUTAGES***

With the loss of daylight hours we rely on streetlights to help light our roadways and walkways so it is requested that you contact the Public Works Department at 815-467-8868 if you notice a light that is not working. When reporting streetlight issues please give a physical address or the corner of the intersection it is located. Other items that are helpful in diagnosing problems are: the light cycles off and on; the bulb is burning dimmer than normal or other nearby lights. The Village maintains any streetlight that is on a concrete foundation which typically has an aluminum pole or has a decorative pole. ComEd owned lights are usually on wooden poles, concrete poles, or fiberglass poles which are located within the Heather Ridge subdivision.

## ***HYDRANT FLUSHING INFORMATION***

As part of normal water system maintenance fire hydrants flushing is scheduled to begin during the month of May. Flushing of hydrants accomplishes several things: Ensures that all hydrants are operational and allows the water mains to be flushed thoroughly; while flushing hydrants all main line valves are exercised to verify they are operational and accessible. If hydrants or valves are determined to need service the Public Works Department will schedule the appropriate repairs or replacement.

Residents that are living in the immediate area of the hydrants flushing may notice reduced water pressure and a possibility of discolored water. The water pressures will go back to normal when flushing in the immediate area ceases. If you do notice discolored water please allow your water to run for a short time allowing the water to clear.



## **MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM**

With the abundant rainfall and warm temperatures mosquitoes are still a nuisance when we try and enjoy outdoor activities in the early morning or evening hours. The Village spends approximately \$20,000 annually to control mosquitoes within the community. A mosquito control company, Clarke Environmental is contracted to perform mosquito abatement through a fogging program. This fogging program that is triggered at the height of mosquito outbreaks requiring a truck mounted unit to drive Village streets during late evening hours dispersing a micro mist that kills adult mosquitoes.

Residents are urged to help eliminate mosquito breeding sites with the following suggestions:

- Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers or tarps, toys, or any other containers where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.
- Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

If residents would like to receive further information regarding the treatment for mosquitoes they may call Clarke Environmental at 1-800-942-2555 for assistance.

This year the Public Works Department is treating catch basins with slow release Larvicide briquettes that are geared to eradicate mosquito larva which can breed within the water of these basins. The catch basin treatment will use a slow dissolving briquette that will take approximately 90 days to dissolve releasing the mosquito killing Larvicide.

## **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

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 ones belief.

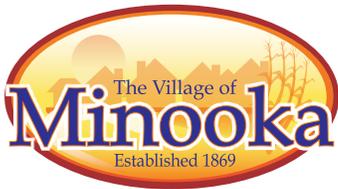
Just walk through your neighborhood and take a look around and see what is taking place that may have a positive or negative impact to the storm water watershed.

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 ultimately end up in the curb catch basins and then into storm sewers ultimately into detention basins and receiving streams. (this creates large amounts of decomposed materials that have to be removed from catch basin and ultimately result in storm sewer pipes becoming plugged and sedimentation buildup within detention basin. This cost the community more money for this type of maintenance).
- Concrete trucks washing out in the gutter after supplying concrete for a building project.
- Homeowners dumping waste motor oil, antifreeze or paint products into a catch basin.
- 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 that may normally be discharged into the street.
- Collecting used motor oil or paints and bringing them to a recycling center or dispose of them in a proper manner.
- Collect rain water from your homes downspouts in a rain barrel and use it to water your plants; conservative use of Fertilizer and herbicides for your lawn by following labels on products used and not using them in areas that may run directly into bodies of water.
- Not watering your lawn excessively creating runoff into streets.
- Plant vegetation in a manner slowing water runoff during heavy rainfall.
- Adopting roadside ditches an pick up refuse that has been thrown from vehicles or has blown in from who knows where, this is a good community service project for different organizations;.
- Pick up animal waste from your pet and dispose of properly.



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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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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