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The Village of Minooka

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COMMUNITY PICNIC

A row of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a plate, a child with a dog, a person sitting at a table with a picnic basket, a person standing with a child, a person grilling, a person playing a game, and a person with a kite.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

FREE FOOD DONATED BY:

**MCDONALD'S, TACO BELL, KFC, JIMMY JOHN'S,
CULVER'S, WENDY'S**

**CHIPS & BEVERAGES, JUMPIES, FACEPAINTING,
PHOTO BOOTH, MAGIC SHOW, CARNIVAL GAMES
AND LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!!!

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

Everyone's Talking About Young Living Essential Oils...Because They Work!

You are invited to the Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 E. McEvelly Road, Minooka to find out what it's all about. How do essential oils work and why would I use them? Your local YLEO GLO Team has planned a very special event for you to get answers to all your essential oil questions and help you start your essential oil journey. Come to learn about the country's premier essential oil company, in its 21st year of delivering pure essential oils, Young Living. Our special guest speakers from Tennessee, Dr. Linn and Marilyn Norfleet, travel across the United States sharing their knowledge and 8 years of essential oil experience. Dr. Linn and Marilyn will be visiting and sharing with us a 3 Session Essential Oil Series on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. You will be blessed by this fun filled, beautiful smelling, exciting and interactive educational time. Please feel free to bring your friends and neighbors to one or all of these FREE learning sessions where we will experience Young Living Essential Oils.

Session #1

Friday, October 2, 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m - Introduction to Essential Oils & The Chemistry of Essential Oils Made Simple. We will learn about the quality and purity of Young Living EO's and what EO's actually do to support and balance every part of our bodies.

Session #2

Saturday, October 3, 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. - Winter Wellness with YLEO's. Enjoy optimal wellness this winter and be prepared for whatever comes your way this school year with Young Living Essential Oils and Supplements as your natural defense.

Session #3

Saturday, October 3, 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. - Optimal Brain Support with Essential Oils. Learn how to support your brain and all of its important functions with Young Living Essential Oils and Supplements. Invest in your health, you and your family are worth it.

bring your tabs!

Pull for the House that LOVE Built®



When: Saturday, September 19th, 2015

Where: Kidz Korner

Address: 25850 West Eames Street • Channahon • IL 60447

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

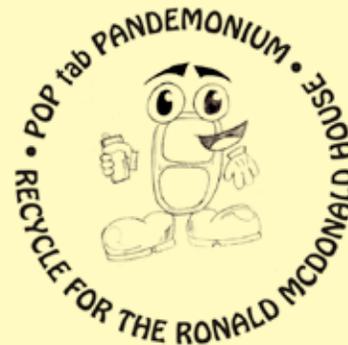
Special THANKS to:

- McDonald's
- Minooka School District 201
- Villages of Channahon & Minooka
- Minooka Lions Club
- Minooka Community High School
- Kidz Korner
- MCHS Interact



"Tab"ulations

- 1 inch = 1 pop-tab
- 1 pound = 1267 tabs
- 1 mile = 63,360 tabs
- 1 ton = 2,534,000 tabs



Fun for all ages!!

DJ ~ Bounce House

Reptile Show ~ Face Painting

And a Special appearance

by Ronald McDonald

OUR SPONSORS:

Jeff James Entertainment
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Check out POPTABDUMPDAY on Facebook or email Brayden at Poptabdumday@yahoo.com



POP TAB PANDEMONIUM IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES TO RECYCLE POP TABS AND CANS.

From Your Village President

Summer came and went – and the weather was interesting – hail storms and high winds dominated many days. We can be thankful because it could have been tragic like our neighbors to the south, Coal City. I am thankful to our Public Works personnel and many others who helped bring order to Coal City.

Minooka's Emergency Management team has put in place a program called Tornado Forum to be explained September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Community Room that will educate Minooka residents in future storms. I believe this will be a very informative meeting for all of Minooka's residents and hope you will attend.



As far as news around Minooka, Air Gas will be operating in their new facility soon and the long-awaited hotel will be opening this fall. There will be ground breaking for an assisted living facility in the near future as well. We are pleased that these businesses chose Minooka to develop their businesses.

I hope to see you at the free family activities planned this fall. The Minooka Garage Sales bring the neighbors together as does the Community Picnic at Lions Park. Now in its 5th year, the annual Pop Tab collection day will be in September for a fun afternoon of family fun. Soon it will be time for costumes and maybe your family would consider participating in the Halloween Parade! A good time is always found around a campfire and I hope to see you at the community campfire. The Boy Scouts always make such a great fire and the storyteller adds fun to the event.

As always, think Minooka first when you have a need or wish to dine out as often as possible. We all benefit when our Village is strong and thriving. I am proud to be your Mayor and very enthusiastic about doing what I can to keep Minooka a nice place to call home. Do your part too – and enjoy a fun-filled Fall!

Pat Brennan, Village President

From Your Village Administrator

Village Hall Renovations Update

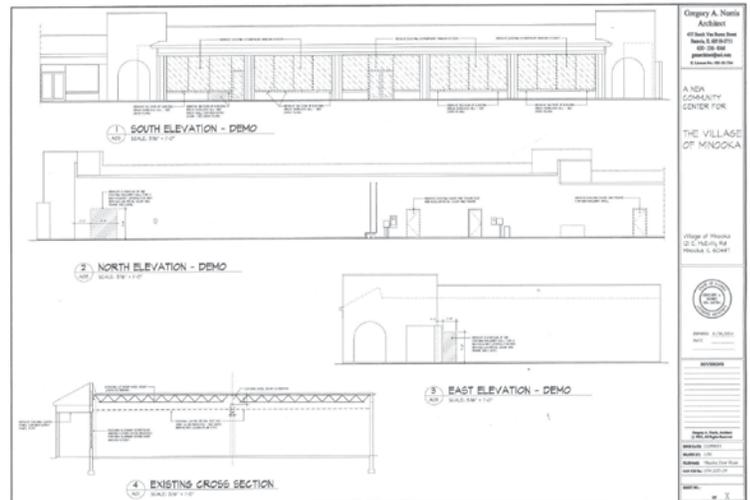
Now that our new Community Room is complete and being utilized almost every day, evenings and weekends, if you wish to utilize the room for your community or organizational event, simply call our office and it can be reserved free of charge. The room is not available for private parties (i.e., birthday parties or showers). With these renovations now complete, attention will turn to the Police side of the building. The Board is currently renovating the records room and foyer of the Police Department to better assist individuals as they come in.

The building was once a shopping complex, the Village Board voted to renovate portions of the building to make room not only for current staff needs, but for the future as well. A much more cost-effective approach, these renovations will ensure the Village Hall will function effectively for the next 20-30 years.

This fall the Village Board will be looking to turn their attention to the exterior of the building and put a new overhang on the Village Hall as well as better signage and lighting. Some notable changes to the Village Hall that the residents of Minooka should be aware of (1) The Community Room can be split into two rooms so several events can happen day and night at the Village Hall, (2) there is a full building generator now installed to insure during bad weather the Police can still operate 24/7 as well as the Community Room staying open for disaster assistance such as a warming center during a winter event, (3) all Village meeting rooms were equipped with AEDs (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators).

We invite you to visit the Village Hall and see the Community Room if you haven't already seen it.

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator



HOMECOMING PARADE 2015

Show your Indian Pride and celebrate HOMECOMING 2015 with MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL at the HOMECOMING 2015 PARADE! This annual event is a showcase of MCHS student organizations, teams, and local school band programs. After the parade, come cheer on the INDIANS as they take on the Plainfield East Bengals in Homecoming football action!

**Starts at 4 p.m. on
Friday, October 2nd**



PARADE ROUTE

Starts at MCHS - Central Campus, heads north on Wabena Avenue, east on Church Street, south on Blackhawk Drive, west on Mondamin Street, and south on Wabena Avenue back to MCHS - Central Campus.

OCTOBER 17TH 2015
6:00PM – 11:00PM

8TH ANNUAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**



**HOSTED BY:
MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Join us for our 8th annual Trivia Night! A night filled with fun, laughter, competition and prizes!

DRESS UP: The team with the best theme by dressing up and decorating their table will win a prize!

COMPETITION: The team that answers the most questions correct will win a table for next year's Trivia Night and will take home the trophy!

WHAT WILL YOU WIN?: We will have a variety of raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auction items and a 50/50 raffle as well!

Chapin's East
502 Twin Rail Dr.
Minooka

Teams:
10 People per Team
(Maximum of 25
Teams)

Cost:
\$250.00 per team
-or-
\$25.00 per person

*Appetizer Platter
Included*

Contact:
Beth Black
Minooka Police Department
815-467-2298
beth.black@minooka.com

SPONSOR

- A TABLE FOR \$250.00
- A ROUND FOR \$100.00
- SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
- RAFFLE ITEMS
- DOOR PRIZE ITEMS

AROUND TOWN

FALL GARAGE SALES

Gather your unwanted stuff and participate in the Village of Minooka Fall Garage Sales Thursday, September 17 - Saturday, September 19. Sign up by September 15 at the Village of Minooka for \$3 to be added to the Map. Maps will be available Wednesday, September 16 after 1:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Minooka Library, Family Video, Casey's, Ace Hardware and at minooka.com

TRASH TO TREASURE SALES

You are invited to participate in the indoor Trash to Treasure sales the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room. Just \$10 for a 10x10 spot. One spot per vendor. Call 815/467-2151 to sign up for each date - space is limited.

BEGINNING DANCING FOR COUPLES

Bring a partner and learn the ballroom basics (waltz, box step, foxtrot and swing). 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, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, & 17. Instruction 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.

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 Shrimp Barn the 2nd Saturday every month. Call 815/467-2151 for the current book choice.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Bring the family to the free community picnic at Lions Park on Sunday, September 20 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free food, face painting, magic show, balloons by Strawberri the Clown, games, and lots of fun!

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Line the streets or be in the 7th Annual Halloween Parade! Call the Village of Minooka, 815/467-2151 for all the details! The Parade will be at 2:00 p.m. starting at Coady Dr., ending at the Village of Minooka.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Huge fire - hot dogs, marshmallows - stories - all free at the Lakewood Ball Field on Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and sticks!

SENIOR LUNCH

Anyone 60+ is invited to the monthly Senior Lunch and Bingo in the Village of Minooka Community Room. The lunch is at 11:00 a.m. (\$6.00 per person) followed by Bingo. Sign up by calling the Community Nutrition Network 815/941-1590.

GOTTA HAVE ART GUILD

Adults of any skill level, any medium are welcome to join other artists Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. No fee. 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.

LEARN TO CROCHET

Want to learn to crochet? You are invited to a 4-week class at the Village of Minooka, 121 E. McEvilly Road on Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30. Bring \$30 to pay the instructor, 'Sugar & Spice' cotton yarn and a J crochet hook (available at WalMart or Michael's). Call 815/467-2151 to sign up.

SUPPORT YOUR MCHS FOOTBALL TEAM

Come watch the Minooka Indians Varsity Football team play this season. Here is a list of varsity home games: September 4, 11 (7:00 p.m.), October 2 (7:30 p.m.), October 9 & 23 (7:00 p.m.). All games are played at the MCHS - Central football field on McEvilly Road.

MAKE 'N TAKE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Sign up at the Village of Minooka by December 1 to participate in a fun evening (children 12+ with a parent) to make holiday items (\$10 each). Bring your glue gun if you have one (and glue) to the Village of Minooka Community Room, on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up early - class size is limited. Call 815/467-2151 to register.

MINOOKA WOMENS CLUB

Minooka Womens Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. We invite all women from the Minooka, Channahon and Shorewood areas to attend. Our schedule of events calendar includes: September 1 meeting at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck; October 6, Cindy Wilson from the Minooka Fire Department will give a presentation on how to use a fire extinguisher; November 3, Taste of the Holidays, members are asked to bring samples and copies of their recipe for a favorite holiday dish; on December 2 we will have a dining out celebration of the holidays. And our community event of the year, Santa's Workshop, will be held on Saturday, December 5, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Minooka Elementary School, 400 Coady Drive where shoppers will find great gifts reasonably priced. Santa will be there and we offer free gift wrapping along with free coffee, juice and cookies. We invite you to visit us at www.minookawomensclub.com and if you have any questions, please contact us at MW60447@gmail.com.



TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: OCTOBER 31, FROM 4PM - 7PM

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY

Tuesday, September 15 - Life in a Japanese American Internment Camp

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Minooka Branch

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were forced from their homes into Relocation Camps in remote areas of the country. Two-thirds of the 120,000 incarcerated were American-born, and many were children. Sarah Okner, a descendant of internees, will explore daily life in an internment camp and the profound effect it had on those living there. There will be time for questions after the presentation. Registration Required.

Saturday, November 7 - Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos): Celebrating and Remembering

11:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Minooka Branch

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a celebration held in Mexico and in Central American countries on November 1 and 2 where family members commemorate their ancestors in a way that is different from customs in the United States. Families often set up offerings or altars called ofrendas, either at home or at the cemetery. Learn how to build an ofrenda, Day of the Dead tissue flowers and make and color DIY masks and dolls. Open to all ages. Registration Required.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 28 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.

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. For more information, www.ignitecheerleading.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are offering a statewide raffle to support Vocations. First prize is \$10,000. Tickets can be purchased from any Knight at St. Mary's Church or email Johnbuko@juno.com for information or tickets. The drawing will be December 7, 2015.

MINOOKA GIRL SCOUTS

Contact Amy at 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.

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 cards 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.

HOLY HORMONES

Holy Hormones Seminar
October 3 • 10:00 a.m.

Why are your hormones such a mess?! Why can't anyone seem to help you figure out what to do! Why are your tests coming back normal, yet you still have issues with Fatigue, Mood Swings, Sleep Patterns, Cholesterol, Sex Drive, Endometriosis or Weight Gain?

Why does it seem that the only answers are creams, medications or drastic surgeries removing reproductive organs. Why has no one explained why these things have happened and what can be done to restore proper function to the body? Hormones are powerful and vital for proper function of the body. When they are working FOR you, they help your body function properly...when working AGAINST you they seem to sabotage everything and turn you into someone you barely recognize. The key to balancing your hormones is in understanding them. Once you understand what lifestyle choices are crippling you from living to your full potential you are able to make a change for the better. On Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Minooka Village Hall, Dr. Duff will be helping the community understand hormones and learn the action steps that are necessary to bring your hormones into balance and put your life back on track. Register for this amazing event by going to the link below or calling the 815/467-5223. Seating is limited and will go quickly. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-hormones-talk-tickets-18187134208>

AROUND TOWN

TIME CHANGE

Remember to set your clocks behind one hour before you go to sleep November 1!

MCHS CRAFT FAIR

A great opportunity to find gifts for everyone on your Christmas list is at the annual MCHS Craft Fair! Hundreds of vendors will be showcasing their arts and crafts and items at Minooka High School Central Campus on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is available too!

VETERAN'S DAY

In honor of all those who sacrificed so we can enjoy the American way of life, we dedicate Wednesday, November 11. The Village of Minooka offices will be closed. Thank a Vet for what they sacrificed for our freedom.

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!

FITS TO BE YOU EXERCISE CLASS

Meeting Monday's and Wednesday's during September, October and November (except September 23, October 7 and November 4) at the Village of Minooka Community Room from 6:30 - 7:30. Free!

Calling all Veterans!

The Grundy County Vets Assistance Program, partnering with Private Bank, invites you to the Village of Minooka Community Room Wednesday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer any questions or to help with any assistance needed. Hines Medical Mobile Unit will be in the Village of Minooka parking lot and will offer free assistance in enrolling Veteran's for VA care, medical exams on the spot and much more. See you at Village Hall. For more information, call Debra at 815/846-8009.

BUY LOCAL!

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

From the Building Department

From October 31 until May 1 recreational vehicles such as boats, personal watercraft, travel trailers, campers, motor homes, or other items used for recreation and their trailers must be moved to an interior side or rear yard. They can be no closer than 5 feet to the property lines, or in a fully enclosed building or structure. These vehicles and/or trailers shall not be parked in the front yards, corner lot side yards, front yard driveways, any public road way or right of way. For more details regarding this ordinance you may contact the Village Building Department or visit the Village website at minooka.com.

Will County Department of Transportation Needs Your Input

If you live in Will County, you are invited to offer your input on preferences for future transportation improvements in Will County. Take Will County's Phase II transportation survey at www.WillConnects2040.org/project-survey.html by October 10, 2015.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Enjoy the holiday weekend as we reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a nice place to call home! The Village of Minooka offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 27.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Santa's Workshop presented by the Minooka Womans Club, will be on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Minooka Elementary School on Coady Drive. Santa will be there! Cookies, juice and coffee will be served. Come and join in on the fun!

A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Santa will be in the Minooka Community Room to visit with children of all ages from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on December 5! There will be cocoa, cookies, crafts, music – all indoors! The event is free and so is a picture of your child with Santa. For more details, call 815/467-2151.

WRITE TO SANTA!

Santa's elves will be collecting Letters to Santa at the Village of Minooka beginning December 1. The Elves promise Santa will write to all the children that put a letter in his special mailbox by December 18. His only request is that all children include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

303 W. St. Mary Street, Minooka

- Sept 14 - Golf Outing Heritage Bluff Golf Course in Channahon
- Sept 27 - Mass at Dollinger's Farm 11:00 a.m.
- Oct 24 - Anointing of the Sick Mass 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 6 - Mass of Remembrance - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Call 815/467-2233 for more information.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Village Christian Church meets at Minooka Jr. High School, 333 W McEvilly Rd. A 6:00 p.m. Sunday night service will be added starting September 13, which is a great option for those families busy with sports, work and other commitments on Sunday morning. Find out more at thevillagechristianchurch.com.

You're invited to Please Pray for Evan Day

November 1, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., hosted by The Village Christian Church meeting at Minooka Jr. High, 333 W. McEvilly Road. Evan was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2012 at the age of 6. Evan and his family will be sharing their incredible story and how God has done AMAZING things in and through their journey. If you're going through difficult times or know someone who is, this is for you! The event is free and no tickets are needed. Check out the "Please Pray for Evan" Facebook page. Call 815/467-2265 if you have questions. www.thevillagechristianchurch.com

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

205 W. Church Street, Minooka

Our website is www.minookaumc.org

Join us for worship Sundays at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. Visit www.minookaumc.com for more information or call the church office at 815/467-2322.

ASP Fall Brunch

Date: Sunday, September 20th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Annex
Cost: \$9 - Adults (\$10 at door), Children (4-10) \$5.00 (under 4 free) The proceeds benefit the Appalachian Service Project teams. Join us for the delicious buffet.

Turkey Supper

Saturday, October 24, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 PM. In the Annex
Cost: \$11 - Adults, Children (10 and under) \$5.00
Dine In (call for reservations) or carryout.

Rally Sunday

September 13 -10:30 a.m.

This will be an action packed and fun filled day for kids of all ages. Rally Sunday Sept 13 to kick off a new year for Sunday School.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 25 - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Minooka United Methodist Church Annex Parking Lot

Come in costume and visit our decorated car trunks to receive some treats! We will have games, a craft, and hot chocolate too!

Community Confirmation Class

We invite all current 8th grade students to join our one-year Confirmation Class starting on September 20. It's fun and free. Call 815/467-2322.

Chanooka Area Crop Walk

Sunday, October 4, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.

205 W. Church Street - Minooka

Contact Gail Girard, 815/685-3520

Join the original Walk event in the United States! Fight hunger globally and in your local community.

Children's Upscale Resale

CONSIGNMENT EVENT

THIS WILL BE OUR HOLIDAY/TOY/WINTER SALE!!!

All the brands you love without feeling the pain of full-retail prices!!! Please join us on the dates listed. Sale will be at 121 E. McEvilly in Minooka (Community Center).

November 20-22

Friday 4-7:30pm • Saturday 9am-3pm • Sunday (1/2 off day*) 10am-2pm

WE ACCEPT CASH AND CREDIT CARDS

www.childrensupscalesale.com - or - join us on Facebook @childrensupscalesale & @childrensupscalesaleevents

* Many items will be 1/2 off, but not all items

Donated items left after the sale will be given to the Chanooka Wish Families.



The Village of Minooka's 7th Annual
HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to Minooka's 7th Annual Halloween Parade! The celebration will feature school bands, local organizations, church groups, school groups, businesses, and anyone that wants to dress up and walk in the parade!

The parade begins on Coady Drive at Wabena Avenue and will continue south on Wabena Avenue to the Minooka Community High School.

Participants must register by Wednesday, October 21 at Minooka.com



Call the Village of Minooka (815) 467-2151 for more info.
www.Minooka.com



TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: OCTOBER 31, FROM 4PM - 7PM

Everyone is Invited to the

Minooka Bonfire

Saturday, October 24, 6:30 P.M.

Lakewood Ball Field

Ridge Road, Minooka

With stories told from a professional storyteller around the fire!

Bring Lawn Chairs, and Sticks.



It's Fall – It's Pumpkin Time!!!

We are lucky to live by two big Pumpkin Farms!!! Visit them this fall!



4853 U.S. Highway 52, Minooka
815/475-7373 - heapfarms@gmail.com

Open September 13 through October 31
Open 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for the fall season! We raise corn, soybeans and over 90 different varieties of pumpkins, gourds and squash. Complete your fall décor with a mum (or two or more!), straw bales, corn stalks and of course our beautiful Indian corn! When your family visits the farm, be sure to hang out with the farm animals, challenge your problem solving skills in the corn maze and bean maze, catch a hay ride out to the 25 acre pumpkin patch to pick a perfect pumpkin off the vine, play like a king or queen in our newly constructed Milo's Castle Playground and have some good ole country fun in the Heaps O' Fun Barn. Caramel apples, pork burgers or pumpkin cookies available too!



7420 E. Hansel Road, Channahon
815/467-4698 - Info@dollingerfarms.com

Open September 21 through October 30, 2015
Open 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The farm has been in the family since 1852 and used to be the entire town of Dresden, Illinois, platted in 1836. Grandma's house (located right on the pumpkin farm) was formerly known as Rutherford's Tavern and served as a stop on the stagecoach line. The old barn is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a beautiful old building right along the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Find a perfect pumpkin at Dollinger Pumpkin Farm! Free admission includes petting zoo and playground with unique structures and lots of hay to flop in! Get lost in the corn maze, ride a miniature steam train and take a tractor or horse drawn hay ride! See how bees make honey in the bee barn. Explore the way Native Americans lived in the tipi, and learn about antique farm equipment in the machine shed. The unique gift shop is open all week, and food is available on the weekends.

NEW THIS YEAR – Revolutionary War Re-enactment – October 10 & 11
20th Anniversary Civil War Days 2015 Re-enactment – October 17 & 18

Minooka Community High School

Choir Boosters presents our 16th Annual

CRAFT FAIR & RAFFLE

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9 am -- 3 pm

\$2 Admission

(Children under 12 are free)

Over 125 Crafters and Vendors!

More than 40 spectacular raffle packages!

Relax and enjoy lunch featuring local restaurants and
Homemade bake sale items.

MCHS South Campus Gyms & Cafeteria
26655 W. Eames (Rt. 6), Channahon

For more information or to apply as an exhibitor:
(815)467-2149 Ext. 279 or mchs.choirfair@comcast.net

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.



Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**



EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2015
firepreventionweek.org

Scary is a trademark of NFPA.



Save the date!
Fire Prevention Week Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, October 4, 2015
8am to noon



Halloween Safety Tips

- ✓ Halloween is a fun and spooOOooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.
- As bad as it may sound, go on the internet and check your local state website for sex offenders. Almost every state has one, just do a search for your state sex offender site. Look up your zip code and it should have a list of registered offenders in your area that includes street addresses. Make sure that your kids stay away from these houses!
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be.
- Trick or treating isn't what it used to be. It is best to make sure that an adult is going with them. If you can't take them yourself, see if another parent you know can go with them.
- Help your young child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make sure that it's fire proof or treated with fire retardant. If they are wearing a mask of any kind, make sure that the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties, school or mall functions. If they are going to be at a friends home, get the phone number and make sure that you've met the parents.
- Make sure you set a time that your kids should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time or to call immediately if something happens and they are going to be delayed.
- Explain to kids of all ages the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem funny but they need to know the other side of the coin as well, that clean up and damages can ruin Halloween for everyone. If they are caught vandalizing, make them clean up the mess they've made.
- Teach your kids about not getting into strangers cars or talking to strangers, no matter what the person says to them. Explain to them as simply as you can that some adults are bad and want to hurt children, that they should never go into a house that they don't know, get into a car or go anywhere with a stranger. Also, tell them what to do should this happen, to scream as loud as they can to draw attention and to run away as fast as they can to someplace safe.





Minooka Police Department is partnering with the Minooka Fire Protection District and hosting a Child Safety Seat Installation/Inspection event on Sept. 12 at the Minooka Fire Protection District Station #1 located at 7901 E. Minooka Road.

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Initial Resident Actions When Severe Weather Hits Our Community

When: Monday, September 28, 2015

Where: Minooka Village Hall (121 McEvelly Road)

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Minooka's Emergency Management Agency is conducting a forum to better educate residents on actions to take immediately after a tornado strikes our community.

Recent tornadoes striking neighboring as well as other communities in Illinois, prompted the Village of Minooka's Emergency Management Agency to present this forum in an attempt to educate residents if a severe storm were to impact our community.

These initial actions may be necessary if local emergency responders cannot access damaged areas due to down electrical wires, trees or other debris blocking the roads. As in recent tornadoes in the area, local fire stations and other emergency response agencies suffered damage resulting in a delayed response.

This program will address four key areas following a neighborhood wide storm:

1. Safety
2. Neighborhood Accountability
3. Neighborhood Rescue
4. Leadership

At the completion of the forum, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about, and possibly join the Minooka Community Emergency Response Team. Residents will also leave the forum having increased knowledge from lessons learned from neighboring communities who have seen severe weather change their lives.

Neighbors can be the critical factor after a severe storm. Know your neighbors and be prepared to help them in an emergency. If you want to learn more, please attend this informational forum.

November 15-21 is Winter Preparedness Week. This is a great time to make sure your home and car are winterized and your winter emergency car kit is ready and in your vehicles.

What is Nixle? Nixle is a community information service that alerts you to severe weather, public safety threats and community events via web, e-mail, and cell phone. Sign up today to receive important information from Minooka Emergency Management Agency: <http://local.nixle.com/minooka-emergency-management-agency-illinois>

Up to Date Information:

For up to date information please visit our new website at www.minooka.com or "Like" us on [Facebook](#).

PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE FOR 2015

The 2015 Street Maintenance Program has been awarded to “D” Construction of Coal City, Illinois for \$395,456. This year’s program included resurfacing, along with various crack-sealing locations, patching, and a limited amount of curb replacement throughout the Village. These areas will also have sidewalk ramps updated to the latest revisions of ADA compliance standards.

300 block of Prairie Ridge Drive



200 block of Blazing Star Drive



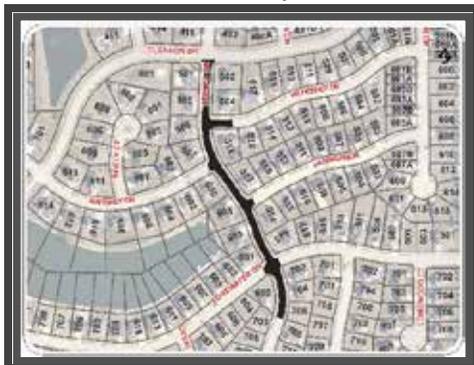
Block of 1231 – 1309 South Wabena Avenue



Prairie View Drive east of Ridge



501 – 703 Feeney Drive



300 block of East Coady Drive



113 – 211 Deerpath Drive



537 – 401 San Carlos Road (west half)



2015 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The 2015 Sidewalk Replacement Program has been awarded to Davis Concrete Construction Company of Alsip, Illinois for \$36,778.05. This year’s program will include replacement of sidewalks and curbs that are highly defected due to settling, shifting, or spalling. This replacement program is conducted yearly as funding becomes available. If you have a location that shows signs of a potential hazard please contact the Public Works Department to verify this location is on our repair/ replacement list.

PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE

PRUNING:

Parkway or Right Of Way trees are the rightful property of the Village. The Village is responsible for the maintenance and the ownership of these trees. Each year the Village hires contractors to both trim and replant these trees. If it can be done correctly, the homeowner is encouraged to prune the trees as needed. Pruning is done to remove diseased or storm-damaged branches, to thin the crown to permit new growth and better air circulation, to heighten the tree canopy, and to also shape the tree. Tips: Pruning during the dormant season (late fall or winter) is the best time to minimize stress to the tree. There are many pruning tips and techniques available online. Each tree species has different requirements. Proper pruning, with an understanding of tree biology, can maintain good tree health and structure while improving the aesthetic and economic values of our landscape. You may also seek advice and techniques from our Public Works Department.

Please remember parkway trees require a minimum clearance maintained under trees of approximately fourteen feet on the street side and ten 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 that when leaves on trees become saturated with moisture they will cause branches to hang as much as a foot lower.

TREATMENT:

Residents are allowed to treat the parkway trees with insecticides or fertilizers; however, it is strongly recommended you use a professional tree service to reduce the risk of harming the tree. You may also have treatment steps performed in the attempt to save any Ash Trees that you may have. According the United States Department of Agriculture, the most environmentally friendly treatment is with biological controls such as parasites, nematodes, or fungi. These may take longer to produce results but are more environmentally friendly. The Village encourages residents to treat Ash Trees in order to prevent tree loss due to the Ash Borer Beetle. The Village could not take a risk of investment to treat all parkway Ash Trees throughout the Village. When Ash trees show signs of no return they are removed, the stumps are ground out, and then this location is added to our tree replacement list that will take several years for replacement as funding becomes available. If you have trees that are undergoing treatment, please contact the Public Works Department with your name, address, phone number, and which trees are in treatment. We will have these locations bypass our tree removal program due to the Ash Borer Quarantine.

REPLACEMENT:

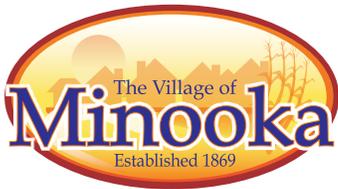
With the Ash Borer Quarantine in effect, the Village has a back-log for tree replacements. Residents are allowed to expedite the replacement process by completing the removal and replacement themselves. If you should have any desire to plant trees or replant within the parkway please be aware that the Village has a Parkway Tree List available with standards and specifications.

CONTACT US:

Please contact the Public Works Department with any concerns regarding the Parkway Tree Replacement Program, Concrete Replacement Program, Street Maintenance Program, or any additional concerns such as: a street light that is not working, low water pressure, snow removal, if a snow plow damages your lawn, blocked storm water drain, sanitary sewer issues, and pot holes or sink holes in parkway or street.

These are just a few of the things the Public Works department handles. If the concern is not our responsibility we will be able to direct you where to find the resolution. 815/467-8868





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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: _____

Address: _____

Comment: _____
