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The Village of **Minooka**

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BRING THE FAMILY TO THE 8TH ANNUAL

Community Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 • 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Free Food, Beverages, Magic Show,
Games, Bounce Houses, Bingo

Free Family Fun!!

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8801 McEvilly Road, Minooka

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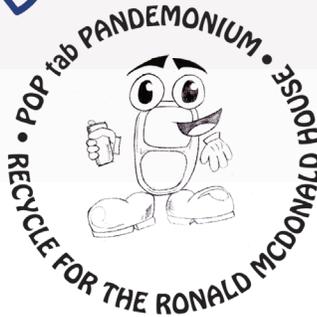
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To Serve You Better
**Welcome to
 Your Newsletter**

bring your tabs!

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OUR SPONSORS:

Jeff Jams Entertainment

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**SIMS
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 MANAGEMENT**

When: Saturday, September 17th, 2016

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
- Grundy County 4-H



"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 ~ Reptile Petting Zoo
- Bounce House ~ Kiddie Games
- And a Special appearance
 by Ronald McDonald



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



Check out POPTABDUMPDAY on Facebook
 or email Brayden at Poptabdumplay@yahoo.com

Village of Minooka FALL GARAGE SALES

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17, 2016

Sign Up at the Village of Minooka 121 E. McEvelly Road, Minooka

\$3 to have your address on the Map

Maps Available Sept. 14 after 1:00 p.m. at

Family Video ~ Casey's ~ Ace Hardware ~ Minooka Library ~ Village Hall

and at www.minooka.com

From Your Village President

Summer has been extra hot this year but in a few months we will be tired of the cooler weather already! Let's enjoy each day and enjoy what we get. The farmers will enjoy a bumper crop of corn this year so be cautious as tractors will be on the roads harvesting soon.

Soon north of I-80 will see some action. A company called Paccar will be building a facility in Minooka. Also the Opus property where Macy's and Electrolux are located will be adding a spec building to that location. The Assisted Living facility is going up and planning to open next spring or early summer. The Village has received numerous calls to be put on a list as a resident there, but we are not the contact. If you are interested in information regarding the Heritage Woods of Minooka Affordable Assisted Living facility, call 877/882-1495 for information.

Many of our local churches are enjoying their expansions and new building. I attended the dedication of the new addition at Minooka Bible Church; also the dedication of the Village Christian Church. Recently I attended the groundbreaking for the Parish Hall for St. Mary's Catholic Church and I attended a wedding at the Minooka United Methodist Church too! So I have experienced a lot of activity in our faith-based locations. Minooka is fortunate to have various opportunities in our community to worship.

I hope to see you at the upcoming Community Picnic and Halloween Parade and Bonfire. Fall in Minooka is a great place to be and I hope you take advantage of the free family events offered.

Just a reminder, whenever possible please frequent Minooka's stores and restaurants to shop and eat. Local businesses keep our community flourishing! Have a safe and happy Fall!

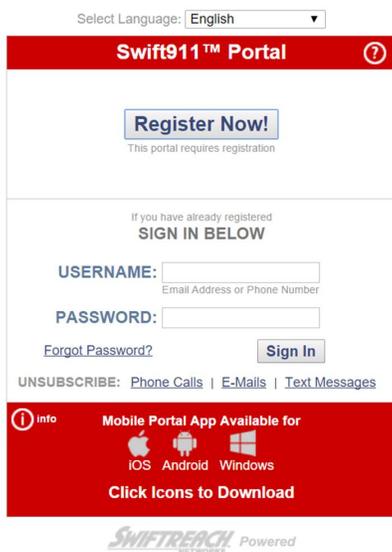
Pat Brennan, Village President



From Your Village Administrator

THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA INTRODUCES A NEW MASS COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR RESIDENTS

The Village of Minooka is pleased to announce a new Emergency and Non-Emergency notification system for residents. Beginning in September, the Village will offer Swift911. Swift911 is a mass communication tool that will allow Village officials to send out messages via voice recording (to your landline or cell phone), a text message, and an email that will keep residents informed for Emergency and Non-Emergency events. Here are some details:



The screenshot shows the Swift911 Portal website. At the top, there is a language selection dropdown set to 'English'. Below that is a red header with 'Swift911™ Portal' and a help icon. A prominent blue button says 'Register Now!' with the text 'This portal requires registration' underneath. Below this is a section for users who have already registered, with the heading 'SIGN IN BELOW'. It includes fields for 'USERNAME:' (with a sub-label 'Email Address or Phone Number') and 'PASSWORD:'. There is a 'Forgot Password?' link and a 'Sign In' button. At the bottom of the form area, there are links for 'UNSUBSCRIBE: Phone Calls | E-Mails | Text Messages'. A red banner at the bottom of the form area says 'Mobile Portal App Available for' followed by icons for iOS, Android, and Windows, and a 'Click Icons to Download' button. The footer of the page says 'SWIFTREACH NETWORKS Powered'.

- If you have a land line in Minooka, there is no need to sign up as the program will automatically have your phone in the database. If you wish to have the village send our messages (again for emergencies or for general information) to your cell phone, YOU WILL HAVE TO SIGN UP for the program.
- How do you sign up? It's simple and easy, by just going to our website (www.minooka.com) then click on the Swift911 button and enter your information as seen in the red box example. You can customize it so voice messages will come to your phone as well as a text and even an email sent to your email address on your mobile device or at home! For mobile device registration, simply text to SWIFT911 and enter 99538 as seen in the blue box below.
- What messages will be sent? The Village intends to use the system for Emergency messages such as water main breaks, road closures, amber alerts, snow plowing hours and events, etc. For Non-Emergency events, this would include things like movie night cancellation, change in times for special Village events, etc.
- Automated messages - A nice added feature include automated Weather alerts that will go directly to your phone when the National Weather Service sends out alerts in our area keeping residents informed on changing and severe weather.
- Special needs - the system is also set up for individuals that are possibly hearing impaired and can accommodate individuals with a "Special Needs Registry" sign up registration.

Lastly, if you don't have email/internet access to sign up for the program, please call our office at 815/467-2151 and we will be happy to help set you up!

Don't forget to sign up today!

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator



Kids Halloween Canvas Painting Class



Mommy and Me Canvas Painting

Ages 4-6

Cost per child: \$10 plus one free adult to assist

Date: Saturday October 15th

Time: 10 am- 11 am

Last Day to Register: Friday, October 14th

Hey Kids! Join A.O.K Accents on Saturday October 15th to paint a Halloween themed 8x10 canvas and enjoy a snack and drink to go along with it. Twenty percent of all registration fees are donated to Minooka Bible Food Bank. Call Laurie at Minooka Village Hall 815-467-2151 to register your creative kid today!

Kids Canvas Painting

Ages 7-10

Cost per child: \$15

Date: Saturday October 15th

Time: 1-2:30 pm

Last Day to Register: Friday, October 14th

SELF-DEFENSE & SAFETY AWARENESS EDUCATION

WHAT? Learn to defend yourself and how to avoid dangerous situations/confrontations! Children are taught some of the necessary skills needed to identify and deal with strangers and bullies. This unique program combines safety awareness education with karate instruction in a fun structured environment. Additional benefits include increased discipline, attention span, self-esteem & physical fitness! **Parents always welcome to join!**

WHERE? Village of Minooka – 121 McEvelly Road, Minooka. Enter through the double doors and class will be held in the community room.

WHEN? Registration is open **the first 3 weeks of class**, so you can register and begin class on either **TUESDAY, September 13, 20 or 27**. Classes are held every **TUESDAY** through January 10 (16 classes if you begin the first day listed). No class 12/27, 1/3.

WHAT TIME?

	Register	Class
New Students Ages 5 & Older / Adults:	6:00 pm	6:15-6:55
All Yellow & Orange Belts / Adults:	6:45 pm	7:00-7:40
All Purple Belts & Higher / Adults:	7:30 pm	7:45-8:25

HOW MUCH? Prepay and save! \$6 per class if you prepay for the entire session (\$104 includes \$8 registration fee), or \$7 if you pay weekly. There is a \$8 reg fee paid once per course. Cash or checks w/ proper ID accepted. There is a \$25 charge for returned checks and your checks will no longer be honored. **A \$33 uniform** (Gi) is highly recommended for motivation and for freedom of movement.



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Minooka Women's Club

Minooka Women's Club would like to invite women of all ages to attend our first club meeting of the 2016/2017 club year. It will be held on September 6 at the Minooka Village Hall at 6:15 p.m. We will have a get-to-know you Potluck Supper that night. So if you would like a good home-cooked meal and friendly company, come to our meeting and learn about our club.

We are a not-for-profit community service group trying to make a difference in the lives of community members, through volunteer work, fundraising and charitable donations. We attend plays, participate in Minooka's parades and enjoy meals at many restaurants during the year.

We have held the Summerfest children's games, hosted Santa's Workshop at the Minooka Grade School and have given scholarships to Minooka High School students for many years.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from September through May at the Village of Minooka Community Room. Each month we have a short business meeting, enjoy refreshments while visiting with friends and enjoying a topic that is interesting and informative.

Our program on October 4 will be given by Jennifer Coffel from the Handing H.O.P.E. (Helping Others through Prevention and Education) organization. They sponsor the Lollipop Tree Project – a way to comfort children who are battling cancer by providing a healthy candy to get rid of the "yucky" taste after chemotherapy.

For more information, visit our website at www.minookawomensclub.com or call Donna 815/467-2957.

Childrens Upscale Resale Event

HOLIDAY WINTER EVENT

CHAPIN'S EAST 502 TWIN RAIL DR. MINOOKA, IL 60447

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
4 PM - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH
9 AM - 1 PM

***SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH**
10 AM - 2 PM

*MANY ITEMS AN ADDITIONAL 50% OFF!

INCREDIBLE BARGAINS!
SHOP FOR NEW AND GENTLY USED CHILDRENS UPSCALE BRAND CLOTHING (NEWBORNS TO JUNIORS), SHOES, TOYS, FURNITURE, BOOKS, ALL TYPES OF BABY EQUIPMENT, MUSIC, VIDEO ACCESSORIES, ROOM DECOR AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ CHILDRENS UPSCALE RESALE
CHILDRENSUPSCALERESALE.COM

No Strollers Permitted

We accept cash and credit cards

DONATED ITEMS SUPPORT CHANOOKA WISH FAMILIES



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Blood Drive November 26 at Minooka Village Hall, 7:30 till Noon. Call or text John at 815/325-8409 for information or appointments. Online appointments can be made at www.heartlandbc.org.

OCTOBER 15TH 2016
6:00PM – 11:00PM

9TH ANNUAL

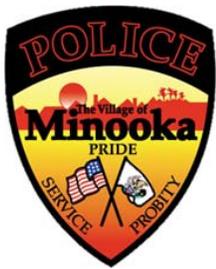
TRIVIA NIGHT

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**



HOSTED BY:

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Join us for our 9th 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!

Where:
Chapin's East
502 Twin Rail Dr.
Minooka

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

Cost:
\$250.00 per team
(\$25.00 per person)

*Food & T-Shirt
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

Minooka Community High School
Choir Boosters presents our 17th Annual

CRAFT FAIR & RAFFLE

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9 am -- 3 pm

\$2 Admission

(Children under 12 are free)

- Over 125 Crafters and Vendors!
- More than 40 spectacular raffle packages!
- Relax & enjoy lunch in our café, featuring local restaurants & homemade bake sale items.

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

For more information or to apply as an exhibitor:
Please send an email, including business name & description to
mchs.choirfair@comcast.net.

**-NEW THIS YEAR-
PICTURE WITH SANTA!!!**

(\$5 Donation to MCHS Choir Program)



HOME COMING PARADE 2016

**Starts at 4 p.m. on
Friday, September 30th**

Show your Indian Pride and celebrate HOMECOMING 2016 with
MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
at the HOMECOMING 2016 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 Romeoville Spartans in
Homecoming football action! The sophomore game begins at 5:15
p.m. and the varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m. A fireworks show will
follow the varsity game.



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, and back to Central Campus.**

What's Happening IN MINOOKA

FALL GARAGE SALES

Gather your unwanted stuff and participate in the Village of Minooka Fall Garage Sales Thursday, September 15 - Saturday, September 17. Sign up by September 13 at the Village of Minooka for \$3 to be added to the Map. Maps will be available Wednesday, September 14 after 1:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Minooka Library, Family Video, Casey's, Ace Hardware and at minooka.com

LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE

Beginner Sign Language classes will be Saturday, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Another class will be October 8, 15, 22 & 29 (no class October 1) for ages 10 and up. Cost is \$20 for the four classes, payable at the first class (September 3 and October 8). We will learn 40-50 signs per week. Maximum: 14. Call 815/467-2151 Ext. 5 to sign up.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB

If you like to read, you are invited to join the Bookies book club this fall. Meeting at the Village of Minooka, 121 E. McEvilly Road on September 10, October 8, and November 12. Call 815/467-2151 for the current book choice and all the details.

LEARN TO CROCHET

Classes are forming for a Beginner Crochet Class in October. Dates will be determined by those that are interested. Call 815/467-2151 Ext. 5 to sign up.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Bring the family to the free community picnic at Lions Park on Sunday, September 18 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free food, face painting, magic show, games, and lots of fun! Bring your lawn chairs.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Have fun dressing up and being part of the 8th Annual Halloween Parade! All ages, businesses, groups and churches welcome! Parade begins at the Minooka Elementary School on the corner of Wabena and Coady Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. Passing out candy and literature for your business or group is permissible. You must sign up by October 26 by contacting the Village of Minooka, 815/467-2151.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Bring your lawn chairs and hot dog sticks to Lakewood Ball Field on Saturday, October 29 and enjoy free hot dogs, chips, beverages and marshmallows at the Community Bonfire. The Boy Scouts make a perfect fire and stories will be told around the fire by Minooka's own high school student Ben Dow.

SENIOR LUNCH

Anyone 60+ is invited to the monthly Senior Lunch and Bingo in the Village of Minooka Community Room. The lunch is at 11:30 a.m. (\$6.00 per person) followed by Bingo. Sign up by calling the Community Nutrition Network 815/941-1590.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste collection is April 1 to November 30. Containers must be marked Yard Waste and cannot be over 30 gallons. Unlimited brown bags are accepted.

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 Thursday every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Village of Minooka Community Room. For more information, call 815/467-2151.

CHANOOKA KIWANIS CLUB

Meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at the Channahon United Methodist Church 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club on October 22 at Channahon Lanes from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Contact Debra at 815/846-8009 for details and tickets.

COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Private Bank is offering a shredding event Saturday, October 15 in the bank parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Also at the Private Bank, there will be an I Cash event which is unclaimed property in the state of Illinois. Visit Private Bank and see if you have any unclaimed property on September 30 in the bank lobby during regular business hours.

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 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is available too!

TIME CHANGE

Remember to set your clocks behind one hour before you go to sleep November 5!

VETERAN'S DAY

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

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 25.

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.

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!

Trick or Treat Hours will be October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Santa's Workshop presented by the Minooka Women's Club, will be on Saturday, December 3, 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 at the Minooka Community Room to visit with children of all ages from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on December 10! There will be cocoa, cookies, crafts, music - all indoors! 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 20. His only request is that all children include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



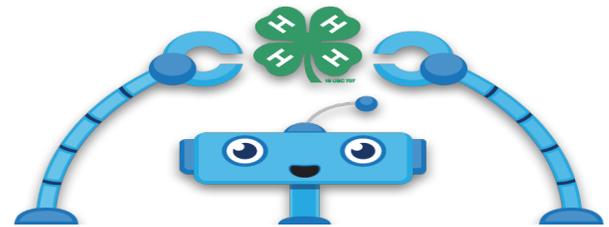
Support your local businesses and restaurants - Buy Local! For the good of us all!

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.

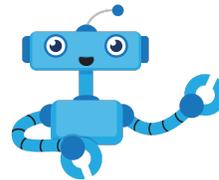
Electronics Recycling

TV's and any electronics are not collected by the garbage company as they have been banned from landfills in Illinois. Lockport Public Works, 17112 Prime Blvd., Lockport, IL, 815/838-0549 allows Minooka residents to drop off TV's and electronics Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 to 11:00 a.m. Limit of two TV's per vehicle with valid ID.



GRUNDY COUNTY

ROBOTICS GROUP



When: Wednesday, September 14th

**Where: University of Illinois Extension Office
4004 N. Division Street, Morris IL 60450**

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Questions contact Kelly Caraynoff~708-289-0517

John Davis (Youth Educator)~815-924-9519

Interested in robotics? Come to our open house and learn how to get involved in the 4-H robotics group. We will learn how to build and program the Lego EV3 robots and will compete in the state robotics competition in April 2017.

Meeting dates and times will be determined based on the availability of those who are interested.

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

303 W. St. Mary Street - 815/467-2233

St. Mary's Religious Education Program starts September 7 for Grades K-8 Wednesdays 6:00-7:20 p.m. Contact Religious Education Director, Shirley Norris 815/467-2769 to register.

Wedding/Anniversary Mass September 10 at 10:00 a.m. All Couples are welcome to have a blessing of their years married.

Mass at Dollinger Pumpkin Farm

September 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Picnic to follow - please bring a dish to pass.

Euchre is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 - All are welcome

CCW (Council of Catholic Woman) Mass

October 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

October 29 at 10:00 a.m.

CCW Bunco Fundraiser

November 13.
Call 815/467-2233 for more details.

Knights of Columbus French Toast Breakfasts

October 23, November 27 - 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

ALL U CAN eat - \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, family price of \$25. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. Please support the Knights by attending and enjoy a great breakfast.

Knight of Columbus Euchre

September 17, October 15, November 19

Refreshments and beef sandwiches are served at 6:00 p.m., game begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 which includes play, food, and refreshments. Please support the Knights scholarship fund for St. Mary's parishioners.

MINOOKA BIBLE CHURCH

412 N. Wabena Street - 815/467-2205

Minooka Bible Church will be starting a brand new ministry for elementary students this fall called Echo Midweek on Wednesday nights beginning September 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 (per semester).

You can register online at www.minookabible.org/kids

What does the \$30 cover?

Registration fees will cover the cost of curriculum, materials, and supplies for the activities and skills your child will experience. Each student will also receive their very own ECHO Midweek t-shirt.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8965 S. Bell Road - 815/467-2265

The Village Christian Church is hosting a Fall Festival on Sunday, September 18. Come out for a life changing church service and stay for fun family time! There will be jumpies, a dunk tank, games and more!

The Village Christian Church moved to its new home at 8965 S. Bell Road at the end of May. Starting September 11, services will be at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. For kids and students, the church offers Kid Village (infants - 4th graders), Pulse Jr. (5th - 8th graders), and Pulse Sr. (High school students).

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

748 Jones Road - 815/467-2100

SUNDAY SERVICES

grace wired
9:30 am
Childcare and Children's Classes
Available during AM Service

grace unplugged
5:00 pm

grace bible church
GROWING + TOGETHER

748 Jones Road | Minooka, IL 60447
815-467-2100 | office@gracewired.net
gracewired.net

Come To the Well

Saturday, October 15th from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Grace Bible Church invites all women ages 16+ to our annual *Come To the Well Women's Conference*. The event brings together over 100 women from all over the community who choose from workshops tailored for their life stage and spiritual walk. Registration will open September 1 and the cost for the day including lunch and snacks is \$35. Contact Jen King, Women's Director at jenking@gracewired.net for more details or visit gracewired.net.

DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids (ages 5-12) and GriefShare

Every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Grace Bible Church is offering three distinct seminar and support groups for those dealing with divorce and/or grief. DivorceCare for adults, DivorceCare for children and GriefShare help adults and children navigate the difficulties of the many changes they are experiencing. For more information, call (815) 467-2100 or visit gracewired.net/support.

Extreme

Junior High Students, Grades 5 to 8

Extreme is a Christ-centered middle school youth group that meets Tuesday nights from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. For more information, contact Nick at nickdedetsinas@gracewired.net.

SOLA

High School Students, Grades 9 to 12

Sola is a Christ-centered high school youth group that meets Sunday nights from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Nick Dedetsinas at nickdedetsinas@gracewired.net.

MINOOKA UMC

205 W. Church Street - 815/467-2322

Rally Sunday - September 11 - Come and join us for the start of Sunday School for ages Preschool-Sr. High.

Sunday School is offered on Sundays from 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Trunk or Treat - October 30 - Ridge Road location from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

All Saints Services - October 29 & 30 - Remembering all who have passed on to the eternal will be remembered
Join us on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - November 20, 6:00 p.m. The Minooka-Channahon area is invited to worship together at this service. Please visit our website www.minookaumc.com for more details.

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Celebrate our 40th Anniversary and sign-up for a library card! During the month of September, you will also have a chance to do a Library Scavenger Hunt. There will be 40 items to choose from, such as attending a library program, visiting our website, checking out an eBook and more! When you accomplish 20 items, you can turn in your form for a chance to win prizes, including an iPad Mini!

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Groovin' in the Grass - Saturday, September 10, 6:30-9:00 at the Channahon Library

Join us in celebrating our 40th Anniversary with a 70's Dance Party featuring The Monocle Project under a tent in Channahon! Wear your best 70's outfit for a chance to win a prize. Bring the whole family to dance the night away! Light refreshments will be served.



NICK OFFERMAN BOOK SIGNING!

Minooka native, actor, and author, Nick Offerman, returns to his hometown this fall to present his latest offering in book form, *Good Clean Fun: Misadventures in Sawdust* at Offerman Woodshop.

Family, friends, and fans of Nick's work may already be familiar with Nick's passion for woodworking, a tradition of homemade handicrafts passed down in the family.

Three Rivers Library and The Book Stall present Nick Offerman in person, joined by his brother, Matt, and his father, Ric, as they share the stories, woodworking wisdoms, and humor from the 3rd installment of Offerman's eclectic tomes.

Call The Book Stall at 847-446-8880 to reserve your seat. Tickets are free, but required, as space may be limited.

The Village of Minooka's 8th Annual

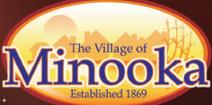
Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to Minooka's 8th 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 26 by calling 815/467-2151 ext. 5



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



Trick or Treat Hours: Saturday, October 31 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Everyone is Invited to the

Minooka Bonfire and WIENIE ROAST

Saturday, October 29
6:30 P.M.
Lakewood Ball Field
Ridge Road, Minooka



With stories told by Minooka's own Ben Dow around the fire!

Bring Lawn Chairs, Marshmallows and Sticks.

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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.



Back To School Safety

It's that time of year again! Kids are heading back to school. Let's make sure they get there and back home safely. Please review these safety tips with your child(ren) before school starts.

Bus Safety Tips:

- Wait at least 10 feet or 5 giant steps from the curb or road way for the bus to make a complete stop.
- Stay seated the whole time. Do not stand or move to another seat while bus is in motion.
- Do not throw things on the bus or out the windows.
- Use your inside voices. Screaming or yelling will distract the driver and could cause an accident.
- If the bus is involved in a minor accident and no one is hurt, stay on the bus and wait for a school representative or police/fire department.



Car Riders:

- Make sure your child is properly secured in the vehicle with a seat belt, booster seat or child safety seat.
- Any child under the age of 13 is safer riding in the back seat.
- When waiting in the drop off line at school, please do not let your child unfasten themselves and stand up in the vehicle. If you were to be hit from behind by another vehicle, your child will be seriously injured.

Bike rider:

- Don't forget your helmet!
- Follow all traffic signs and signals. Yes, that means stopping at the STOP signs.
- Stay on the bike path or sidewalks, if possible. If you have to ride on the road, ride in the same direction as the cars.



Walk to school:

- Younger children should walk with an adult. Older children should walk with friends.
- Pick a safe route for your children and make sure they stick to it.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.

Save the date:

**Heart Saver
1st Aid/CPR/AED class
Nov 5 8a**

Visit our website for more information
www.minookafire.com

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check for the manufacture dates on the back of your smoke alarms today!

If you have any questions about how to change out your smoke alarms or need help installing them, please contact us at 815-467-5637 ext. 112, to set up an appointment.



Don't Wait CHECK the date!



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OCTOBER 9-15, 2016**

firepreventionweek.org

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MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from Chief Meyer

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, businesses and members of the police department who made our bi-annual "National Night Out" event a great success! The evening was filled with entertainment, food, refreshments and activities for the kids including the friendly water gun bout with me. National Night Out is a community policing effort that we promote to maintain our police and community partnership to make the Village of Minooka a safe community.



As the summer is ending and we continue our effort to make the Village of Minooka safe, the school year is back in session, we all need to pay special attention to our School Buses, School Zones and Crosswalks to ensure that our young people make it to and from school safely.

Lastly, I want thank everyone in this community for the letters of support for the men and women of this department. It means so much for them knowing that people in this community they serve do care. As this past month has been extremely difficult time for law enforcement across this nation.

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT

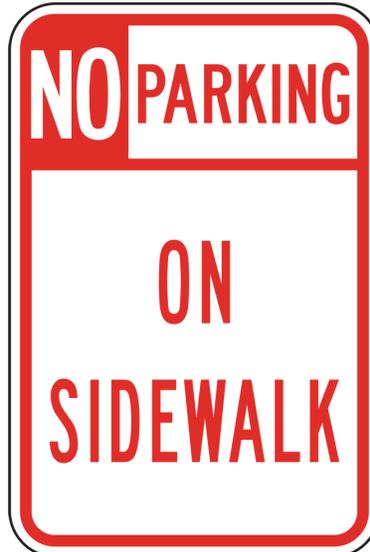
Beginning this fall, phase I of the police department renovation project will take place to the existing facility. During this phase, some walls will be removed to provide an open office concept for the patrol division that will have workstations for training, meetings and other ancillary duties that officers are responsible for. In addition, an evidence processing room and a complaint room will be added. Other issues that are being addressed is the HVAC and sprinkler system and upgrades to the electrical and plumbing.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

9-1-16: PARKING IN PROHIBITED PARKING SPACES:

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

- I. Upon any portion of a sidewalk so as to encroach or otherwise obstruct the sidewalk, unless the sidewalk has been designated and posted as a permitted parking area.



INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST OFFICER



On July 23rd, Officer Christopher Pratl graduated from a 12-week Police Basic Training Academy located at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Police Training Institute. Officer Pratl is currently a member of the U.S. Army National Guard and was a Public Safety Officer for Palos Community Hospital and a Community Service Officer for the Orland Park Police Department.

Have You Visited Us Online Lately?

We are continually upgrading 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

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. When 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 when leaves on trees become saturated with moisture they will cause branches to hang as much as a foot lower.

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.

WE KINDLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THE TREE CARE:

If you see your parkway tree has been replaced there are a few things we ask for you to consider, to help the tree. Newly planted trees require 1 inch of rainfall per week. If no rainfall has occurred in one week, we ask for you to apply 5 gallon at the base of the tree extending evenly from the trunk to the drip line (outer branches) of the tree. Too much water can kill the tree, so please do not over water the tree. Once the leaves fall off, there is no need to water the tree until spring. Newly planted trees are very vulnerable for the first three to four years and should receive close care. If you are wondering, the cost to water a tree without any rain would be under \$2.00 for the entire year.

Contact us:

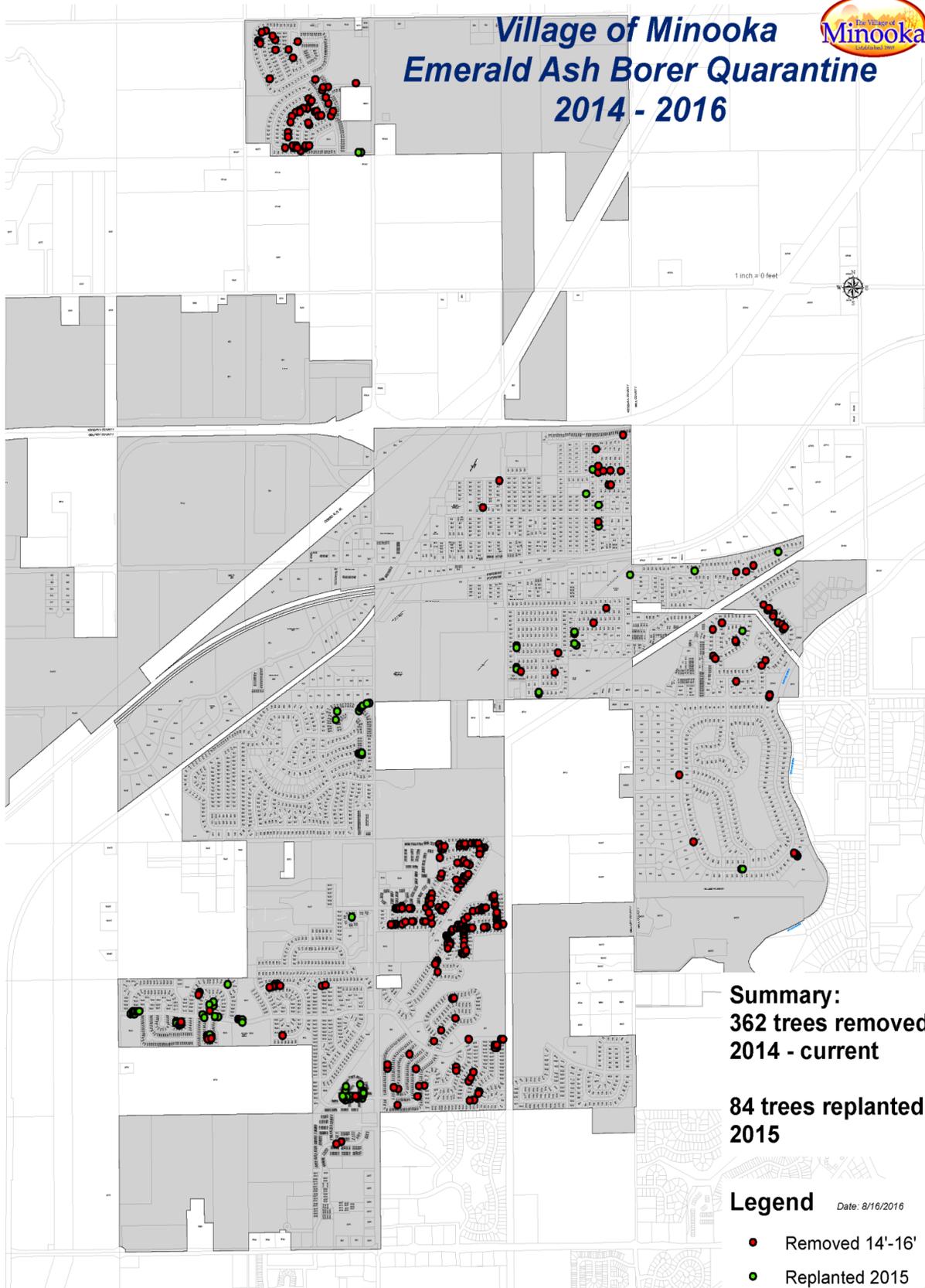
Please contact the Public Works Department with any concerns regarding the Parkway Tree Replacement Program, Concrete Replacement Program, Street Maintenance Program, or any additional concerns such as: a street light that is not working, low water pressure, snow removal, if a snow plow damages your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

These are just a few of the things our 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 ext 3180



Village of Minooka Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine 2014 - 2016

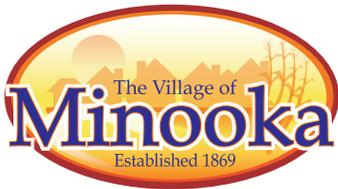


Summary:
362 trees removed
2014 - current

84 trees replanted
2015

Legend Date: 8/16/2016

- Removed 14'-16'
- Replanted 2015



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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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Village Administrator

Dan Duffy (815) 467-2151

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: _____

