

The Village of Minooka

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The Village of Minooka's Annual
Christmas on Mondamin
Saturday, December 7, 2013
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free Cocoa, Candy, and Cookies from local businesses

Highlighted Events

- * *Thousands of Lights illuminating downtown Minooka* *
- * *Children's Visit with Santa* *
(includes one complimentary photo)
- * *Street Carolers & Musical Entertainment* *
- * *Bring a Can of Food for the Area Food Pantries* *
- * *Bring Toys for Tots Collected by the Marines* *
- * *A Live Nativity* *

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

Village Wide Snowman Contest



Wintertime can be a lot of fun – especially when there is plenty of snow on the ground! If you would like to enter the Village's contest, simply take a picture of your snowman and mail a copy to the Village of Minooka, 121 McEvelly, Minooka, IL 60447 or email a picture to laurie.musclow@minooka.com. Include your name, address and phone number. A prize will be awarded to the winning family and they will be announced in the spring newsletter!

Cocoa, Cookies, Crafts & Stories with

Mrs. Santa Claus



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

**Village of Minooka
Community Room**

121 E. McEvelly Road, Minooka

Call 815/467-2151 to reserve your free seat!

From Your Village President

It is 24° as I write this and even if it warms up a bit, we all know that “it is coming...” Winter that is. And we Midwesterners appreciate the seasons as they change, so I hope you enjoy the coming snow and make a fort, or a snowman – and submit a picture of your creation! We sympathize with those near our community that suffered greatly by the tornado that hit last week. The Village of Minooka sent some help with cleanup to the Diamond area. We have much to be grateful for and this Thanksgiving be sure and give thanks that you have a home, a warm meal, friends and family and enjoy every second!



For news in and around Minooka, last year at this time Grainger was hiring and opened and are doing well. Soon Trader Joe's warehouse will open and will add about 400 jobs. Two other companies are building in Minooka and will be hiring in the future. Minooka's location is attractive to companies because of the interstate and the Village works hard to bring new businesses to our area.

I wish to thank the Minooka Elementary School for honoring the Veterans on November 11, 2013 with a special presentation. It was something the Veterans and the children will always remember.

Speaking of the children, soon it will be December and Santa and Mrs. Claus will come to Christmas on Mondamin for an evening of fun and merriment. I hope to see you downtown Minooka for that festive event. My Christmas wish for you is that you have a very blessed, safe and memorable holiday season this year and that the New Year brings health and prosperity to you, your family and our community. Merry Christmas!

Pat Brennan, Village President

From Your Village Administrator

Usually my newsletter articles relate to Village developments, employment opportunities, and important governmental issues people should be aware of; however, with the Holidays coming up I wanted stress an issue that already exists here in Minooka, that being the great volunteer and support system. And to build upon that generous community asset, if you are looking to do even more this holiday season, but are not sure how or where to go, I would suggest starting with your local United Way.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Grundy County United Way Board for almost ten years and I have seen the not-for-profit grow with support from communities and residents like Minooka. I say this because when I see and participate in events like our holiday, Halloween, and Homecoming Parade the hundreds of people that turn out for such gatherings ... the ideas of volunteerism and community-mindedness always makes me proud to be associated with such a great community like Minooka.

Specifically, monies raised annually support a variety of vital programs and services provided by local not-for-profit Community Partner Agencies that make a difference by helping those in need in Grundy County. These programs and services help individuals from birth to death and everything in between. The United Way of Grundy County supports 29 not-for-profit agencies that provide vital programs and services to residents in Grundy County.

So for this holiday season, if you or your family is interested in volunteering, working with or donating to a local charity that works and helps people in your very own community and area, I would encourage you to look into the United Way. They are located in all three counties (Will, Kendall and Grundy) that Minooka is located in. They can easily help identify what kind of help you want to concentrate on and point you in the right direction.

Here at the Village Hall, Village Employees will be giving back again this year by working with a United Way Partner Agency called We Care of Grundy County. We Care is helping Village Employees adopt a few Minooka Families in the area and make sure they have an opportunity to enjoy a great holiday season. Also, on Fridays when you see a Village employee in blue jeans, that means he or she has donated toward a local charity to help area families in times of need.

So like your Village Employees, if you are interested in helping with a certain not-for-profit in our area, maybe you wish to assist and volunteer with fighting hunger in our community, volunteering with the homeless, assist someone with a disability or working with the youth to build a better community, United Way can either help or point you in the direction that interests you and your family. For more information about United Way and making a difference in Minooka and the surrounding area, contact the United Way of Grundy County at (815/942-4430 or email info@UWGrundy.org or the Village of Minooka at 815/467-2151. Merry Christmas!

Bring the Family to the

COMMUNITY

BINGO NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 28, 2014

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

at the

Village of Minooka Community Room

121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka

SNACKS PROVIDED

***Prizes Awarded
to Winners!***

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Will Your House

Be Festive

For The Holidays?

enter the

HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Nominate you or your neighbor at
815/467-2151

*Judges will be by the evening
of Thursday, December 12
Leave Your Light On!*

LEARN TO

CROCHET

Four Week Class

**TUESDAYS,
FEB. 4, 11, 18 & 25**

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

**Village of Minooka
Community Room**

121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka

WHAT TO BRING:

2 Balls of Cotton Yarn & Size J Crochet Hook
(Such as Sugar 'n Cream or Peaches & Crème)

MIN: 4 / MAX: 8 CLASS SIZE

CLASS IS OPEN TO AGES 12 & UP

\$25



**Call 815/467-2151 to register
by February 3**



*Minooka High School
Band & Guard Boosters
Presents*



23rd Annual

Craft Fair & Raffle

Saturday, February 22, 2014 • 9am to 3pm

*Minooka High School Central Campus
301 South Wabena Avenue
Minooka, IL*

*\$2 Adults // \$1 Seniors and Students
Children under 12 Free*

Over 100 Exhibitors

Visit local restaurants in our food court

Strollers welcome

From I-80: Minooka exit #122 (Ridge Rd.) south to McEvelly east
From Route 6: Ridge Rd. north to McEvelly east



AROUND TOWN

Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Knock Council #12882, St. Mary's of Minooka. Come to the Minooka Junior High Gym on Saturday, November 30 from 7:30 to noon. Call John at 815/325-8409 to make an appointment. Heartland Blood Centers is conducting the drive and all donors will receive a \$10 gift card to Target.

Aux Sable Residents

New parking permits/stickers will be issued January 2 available at the Village of Minooka office.

Write to Santa!

Santa's elves will be collecting Letters to Santa at the Village of Minooka beginning December 2. The Elves declare 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.

Santa's Workshop presented by the Minooka Women's Club, will be on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Minooka grade school on Coady Drive. Santa will be there! Cookies, juice and coffee will be served. Come and join in on the fun!

Girls Night Out

There will be no Girls Night Out in December. Meet us the second Friday every month at the Minooka Library. January 10 we will be showing *The Heat*; February 14 *Groundhog Day*.

Bookies Book Club

If you enjoy reading, you are invited to join Bookies. We meet the second Saturday every month and discuss a book we chose the prior month. We would love your input! Meet us at the Village of Minooka Community Room at 10 a.m. For the current books being read, go to www.minooka.com or call 815/467-2151.

Food Drive

Join the Minooka Police Department for Project Share until December 13. Canned goods and non-perishables can be dropped off at the Police Department. For more information, call 815/467-2151.

Interested in being a Boy Scout?

Boys in grades 5 - 12 or 11 years old are welcome to join the Troop! We meet Tuesday's from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Minooka United Methodist Church Annex. Contact Joe at jjwooten@sbcglobal.net or call 815/467-0560.

Interested in Being a Girl Scout?

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

Meet Mrs. Claus

Join Jessica Claus in the Village of Minooka Community Room for Cocoa, Cookies, Crafts and Stories with Mrs. Claus. She will be eager to meet you Saturday, December 14 while Santa is napping from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. There is no fee - just come! Don't forget to bring your camera! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Community Band & Choir

If you are interested in joining a newly forming band and choir, please contact Jerry at 815/467-6331. Performance would include Minooka Summerfest June 21, 2014.

Snowmobile Rules

Snowmobiling is not allowed or permitted in Minooka. It is a violation of Village Ordinance and a safety concern.

Grundy Transit System (GTS)

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

Kendall Area Transit (KAT)

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

Holiday Closings

The Village office will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, November 28 &
Friday, November 29
Tuesday, December 24 &
Wednesday, December 25
Wednesday, January 1
Monday, February 17
Holiday Wishes to You!

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MINOOKA BIBLE CHURCH

December 14-15 - We Three Spies

A children's Christmas musical that everyone will enjoy!

December 21-22 - Christmas Moments 2014: Sweet Little Jesus Boy

A family struggles to break free from the heartbreak of alcoholism, and an angelic ensemble is sent down to help. Funny and poignant with music, drama, video and a message of hope.

Service times for these events: Saturday: 5:30 pm. Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am. Childcare provided.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Services are at 4:30 and 6:00 pm.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Advent Penance Service - December 17 - 7:00 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass 6:00 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day Mass: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family: December 28 - 5:30 p.m.; December 29 - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Vigil Mass: December 31 - 5 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass: January 1 - 10:00 a.m.

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to join us for worship Sundays at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. or visit a Faithtalk group where faith can be discussed and questions can be answered! Sundays 7 p.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m., 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 7 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will play games, make a Christmas craft, participate in the telling of the Christmas story, and enjoy cupcakes & hot cocoa. This event is ideal for children ages 1-8 and their families. A free will donation will be accepted. Please call 815-467-2322 ext 106 to make a reservation.

December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service. This service is for persons for whom the holidays are difficult for many reasons, perhaps due to death, loss of a job, divorce, separation from family etc.

Christmas Eve Services: 5:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

*News From Your
Local Library*

Enter the Realm of
Reading (for adults)

January 6 - February 9

Sign up at www.trpld.org beginning Monday, January 6. Participants will receive prizes for reaching reading goals and there will be a grand prize raffle drawn at the close of the program! The more you read, the more chances you have!

Read to Succeed! (for kids)

Dec. 21 - Feb. 15

Chicago Wolves' sponsored "Read to Succeed" Youth Services Winter Reading Program is open to those from birth through high school. Come into either location on the first day of winter (Saturday, December 21) to pick up your log and free pass to Raging Waves (while supplies last)! Enter into the weekly drawings by reaching your reading goals each week!



Photography Classes

- **Digital Photography 101**
An Intro Workshop
December 4, 11, 18 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Digital Photography 201**
An Intermediate Workshop
January 8, 15, 22 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Digital Photography 301**
An Advanced Lighting Workshop
February 12, 19, 26 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Digital Photography 101

An Intro Workshop

Whether you use a point and shoot camera, digital SLR or the new Four/Thirds format camera, we will help you understand your camera, build your photography confidence and help develop the skills to get the photographic results you want from your camera. Designed for the novice photographer, the only prerequisite is that you know how to turn your camera on and off. This is a hands-on class with weekly photo assignments and professional feedback on your photos. Bring your camera and manual to class.

Digital Photography 201

An Intermediate Workshop

This course is created for any amateur photographer who has an understanding of the basics of photography but who wants to take their skills to the next level. We will focus on use of the digital SLR camera as a creative artistic tool. Designed for the serious amateur photographer, this workshop includes hands-on weekly photo assignments and professional feedback on your photos. Bring your camera and manual to class.

Digital Photography 301

An Advanced Lighting Workshop

Created for the very experienced photographer who understands exposure settings, basic composition and lens selection. In this course you will learn how to recognize and manage a variety of complex and challenging lighting situations.

Your instructor, Jack Retterer, has over 40 years of photography experience. He has a passion for both photography and teaching.

Call 815/467-2151 to register. Cost: \$60 per person for the Digital 101 class; \$70 for Digital 201 and 301 classes. Classes held at the Village of Minooka.

Minooka Fire Protection District

Save the Date...

Pancake Breakfast
with Santa

Sunday, December
8th
8am-noon



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.

Smoke Signals

Protect yourself and your passengers. Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather.

It takes only one unprepared or careless driver to slow or stop traffic.



Do not be that driver who shuts down the road.

- **Drive for conditions**—slower speeds, slower acceleration.
- Use your **headlights**.
- Do not use cruise control.
- Four-wheel and all-wheel vehicles **do not** stop or steer better ice.
- Leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. Remember, the larger the vehicle, the longer the stopping distance.
- **Slow down** when approaching off-ramps, intersections, bridges, or shady spots.

Christmas Tree Safety

The Minooka Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you to be safe this holiday season. Here are a few safety tips for Christmas Tree safety:

Picking the tree:

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- For a live tree, choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree:

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.

Lighting the tree:

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Information obtained from National Fire Protection Association.

New for 2014

Starting in January 2014, our Smoke Signals Newsletter will be available on our website, www.minookafire.com. Don't worry, we will still have a page in the Minooka Village Newsletter. You can also find great information and safety tips on our Facebook Page.

As you may or may not be aware of, Illinois recently amended Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 12-610 (Electronic communications devices). Specifically it states; "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device." However, this section does not apply to a driver using an electronic communication device for the purpose of reporting an emergency situation or if the driver is using a hands-free or voice operated mode.

"A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device."

We all know the use of a hand held communication device while driving is a dangerous distraction that has led to many deaths and serious injuries on Illinois roadways. In 2013 the majority of crashes the Minooka Police Department has handled are rear end collisions due to distraction within the vehicle. So beginning January 1, 2014 the Minooka Police Department will begin to enforce this law as a way to continue our objective in traffic safety by reducing the total number of vehicle crashes and crashes resulting in needless injuries or fatalities.

NEWS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Parking Violations

With the seasons changing, I want to remind you of a village ordinance of not parking your vehicle on the street during snowfall of 2" inches or more. A violation of this ordinance can result in a \$50.00 fine and the possibility of your vehicle being towed. Information on Village ordinances can be found on the Village of Minooka web page at www.minooka.com.

S.N.A.P Program

Recently the Minooka Police Department established a Special Needs Alert Program to provide parents or caregivers of a special needs family member the ability to enter emergency contact information into our Records Management System. Information is kept strictly confidential and it alerts responding police officers about the special needs of your family member. Enrollment in the program is voluntary and is open to those individuals with mental and/or physical special needs. Contact the Minooka Police Department at (815) 467-2298 if you would like an application.

Emergency Management Agency

As the winter temperatures drop and with the anticipation of nasty winter weather, the Village of Minooka Emergency Management Agency wants to inform you that the Minooka Bible Church, 412 N. Wabena Avenue will open its doors for you if you lose power and can no longer heat your house.

Also, through April 11, the Grundy County P.A.D.S (Public Action to Deliver Sustenance) sheltering program will offer a safe and welcoming place for people to be able to sleep through the winter months. It is open to adults and families who are in need. Below are Grundy County locations:

- Sunday & Monday - Peace Lutheran Church, 101 Candlelight Lane, Morris, (815) 942-1010
- Tuesday - First United Methodist Church, 118 W. Jackson St., Morris, (815) 942-0809
- Wednesday - First Christian Church, 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris, (815) 942-3454
- Thursday - First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Jackson St., Morris, (815) 942-1871
- Friday - Immaculate Conception - Meeting House, 622 E. Jackson St., Morris. (815) 942-0620
- Saturday - Living Word Bible Church, 304 E. Jackson St., Morris, (815) 521-1990

Facebook

The Minooka Police Department is on Facebook. Please find us and "like" our page for up to date events and news.

PUBLIC WORKS

Wabena Avenue Water Main Replacement Under Construction

Replacement of the water main on N. Wabena Avenue from St. Mary's Street to Coady Drive has begun as of November 25 and is scheduled to be substantially completed by December 20, 2013. Replacement of the 4-inch water main with a new 10-inch water main is part of an upgrade of the water system. The new water main will replace pipes that are 60 years and older to increase water flows required by fire sprinklers used in larger buildings and provide uninterrupted service to the immediate area. The project will cause some traffic detours of Wabena Avenue traffic during daytime hours. A new sidewalk will be installed on the west side of Wabena Avenue from St. Mary's Street to Coady Drive in the late spring of 2014. Currently there is no sidewalk on the west side of Wabena Avenue from Church Street to Coady Drive.

2013 Street Projects Completed

The 2013 street maintenance projects have been completed for the following streets: Brannick Road from Ridge Road to 800 feet west of Casey Boulevard, Crestview Court, Holt Road near the Aux Sable Creek, Industrial Drive, Osage Street, and Zapata Drive. Expansion of off street parking along Osage Street for Summit Park was also completed. Repairs and/or replacement of catch basins and inlets, crack filling, and pavement striping to other streets throughout the Village were also completed as part of this program.

Minooka Road Bridge Over Interstate 80 Replacement Schedule

The tentative schedule for the replacement of the Minooka Road Bridge that carries traffic over Interstate 80 is on the following time line.

- **June 2013** - Relocation of the following utilities has taken place for cable TV, electrical transmission lines, and telephone cables.
- **September 2013** - Bridge demolition and replacement has been awarded to low bidder, 'D' Construction of Coal City.
- **January 2014** - Bid opening for sanitary sewer and water main relocations for the Village of Minooka will in January 2014. After the official award of this portion of the project it is anticipated that the actual construction will begin in the spring of 2014.
- **March 2014** - Minooka Road will be closed for the bridge demolition and construction scheduled to begin in late March 2014 and will remain closed until construction is completed in December of 2014.
- **March 2014** - All local traffic will be detoured around the bridge that will be posted when the construction begins.

The bridge replacement is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) with project management through IDOT District 3 Ottawa Illinois office.

Grundy County and the Village of Minooka were able to secure funding to increase the bridge width from the state's proposed 2-lane profile to a 4-lane profile with a bike path and provisions for future lighting to accommodate anticipated transportation needs for the Minooka Road corridor in the future. Another safety improvement to the immediate bridge area is moving the intersection of Shady Oaks Road east of its present location to provide a greater line of sight distance.

Prepare For Winter Snow Removal

The change of seasons is upon us and this newsletter is a perfect time to remind residents of Village policies and other useful information regarding snow removal and ice control.

Snow Plowing Policies: All streets and alleys are plowed within eight hours or less of a snowfall. The main streets are the first plowed followed by salting intersections and hills. Secondary streets are always plowed followed by salting at a lesser application rate and is dependent on weather conditions.

Parking Restrictions: Residents are reminded that the Village has an ordinance requiring all vehicles to be parked off the street during and immediately following a snowfall of 2-inches or more. Any vehicle in violation of this ordinance shall be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense by the police department.

Portable Basketball Standards: Please remove any of the portable basketball standards that are left curbside or sometimes even on the street. Basketball backboards and hoops often protrude into the traffic lanes and have caused damages to snow plow trucks or other large vehicles that need to follow the curb line.

Depositing Snow in Roadways: Residents clearing their own drives should avoid blowing or pushing snow into the streets. This creates a traffic hazard to motorists and may be unable to distinguish between freshly piled snow and the roadway potentially causing an accident.

Mailbox Damage Prevention: Please make sure your mailbox is secured to the post and in good condition. We receive a few calls during the winter about damaged mailboxes due to snow plowing operations. The force of the snow discharged off the plow creates a wave of snow that may knock mailboxes over if they have weak post or are not fastened properly to the post.

Child Safety: Discourage your children from playing in piles of snow that may exist along the roadways or parkways, especially near driveway entrances.

Private Drives: Subdivision Residents living on private streets should be aware that the homeowners associations may be responsible for snow removal for all private streets and driveways.

Ash Trees Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

Minooka has approximately 750 ash trees growing within parkways and parks throughout the Village plus countless others in residents' yards. We have seen an increased number of trees that are showing signs of the ash borer infestation which in time will ultimately lead to the trees demise. This year the Village has removed approximately 100 ash tree from parkways and park properties. The cost of tree removal and replacement is estimated to be in the \$250,000 range.

Some of the telltale signs are the upper canopy of the tree beginning to die eventually spreading through the entire tree, sprouts growing from the roots and trunk of the tree, bark spitting on the trunk of the tree, and D-shaped holes in the tree trunk.

The adult Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is bright, metallic green, 1/2-inch long insect that infest Ash trees that are common to Minooka parkways and many yards. They lay their eggs within the bark of ash trees that eventually hatch and the larvae of the EAB bore into the tree itself. The end result of these larvae infestations is the death

of the ash tree. Unfortunately treating the tree with insecticides may prolong the trees life and would have to be done yearly provided the tree has not already been infected, but the ultimate prognosis is the loss of the tree.

To help slow the spread of the EAB precautions should be taken when trees are removed, such as working with tree removal firms that have signed Illinois EAB Compliance Agreement. This ensures they are aware and comply with practices to prevent the spread of the EAM throughout the area. Homeowners should not remove firewood from their property for this may spread the eggs or larvae to other areas not yet touched by the EAB.

The Village will remove any of the infected trees that exist within the parkways or within Village parks to help slow the spread of the insect infestation. When funding permits a tree of a different variety will be planted to replace the lost tree.

For more information please go to the Illinois State Department of Agriculture's website at:
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/community%20planning.htm>

Utility Billing Information

Minooka utility bills include the following Village services **Garbage, Sewer and Water**. The bills are sent on a bi-monthly billing schedule with bills being sent the first day of the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November. After the bill is sent out on the first of the month the customer has 15 days to pay bill before a penalty of 10% is rendered. Final Notices are issued to any customer in arrears of payment and will be disconnected from service. Payments are accepted through mail, electronic debiting or in person at Village Hall.

VILLAGE OFFERS PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS BY ELECTRONIC DEBITING

The Village offers electronic payment of Village utility bills. This service provides Village residents with an alternative way to pay your utility bill promptly without mailing in the payment or stopping by one of our two locations to pay in person. If residents would like further information about this service please call 815/467-8868..

PAYMENT DROP BOX LOCATION

Village utility bill payments may be made at the following location:

Minooka Village Hall located at 121 E. McEvelly Road offers personal service during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or Drop Box payments may be made anytime (the drop box is located on the wall of the building to the left of the main entrance door)

Water Bi-monthly Charges:Sewer Bi-monthly Charges:

First 4,000 gallons	\$11.76	First 4,000 gallons	\$17.96
4,001 to 100,000 gallons. . . .	\$ 2.94/1,000 gals.	4,001 gallons and above	\$4.49/1,000 gals.
100,000 gallons and above . .	\$ 2.62/1,000 gals.	NOTE: Sewer charges are based on water use.	

Garbage Bi-monthly Charges:

Standard Garbage Tote	64 gallon Tote	\$39.20
Optional Size Garbage Tote upon request	96 gallon Tote	\$39.66
Recycling Tote	35 gallon Tote	Included with service
Yard Waste... (April 1 to November 29, 2013)	Unlimited	Included with service

Note: Yard waste should be placed in Kraft paper bags or even reusable trash cans but should not exceed 40-pounds in weight. Branches or brush may be placed curbside also but should be bundled and tied with weights not exceeding 40-pounds or lengths not greater than 4-feet. NOTE YARD WASTE PICKUP END NOVEMBER 29 FOR THE 2013 SEASON.

Stickers are required for additional 33 gallon garbage bags @ \$1.50 each and are available at the Village Hall.

Senior Citizens Discounts of \$1.00 per month are available for residential garbage customers if you are 65 years of age or older. ***** Application forms are available at the Village Hall. *****

Reminder!

*Please place your totes, yard waste bags or containers behind the curb or off the pavement to prevent conflicts with vehicular traffic, maintenance issues such as **street sweeping**. Another problem that arises during heavy rainfalls is the tote floating or some items stacked along the curb may be washed into catch basins which may lead to the flooding of the street.*

Should you have any questions regarding white goods or large items pickup please contact Heartland Disposal direct at the following phone number of 815/942-5851 or www.mydisposal.com. For all issues concerning billing please contact the Public Works Department Office at 815/467-2142.

Utility bills may also be paid by "E-Pay". Information regarding the E-Pay system may be found using the Villages Web Page (Minooka.com). This will provide information how this type of payment can be made online.



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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 Thursday before the Village Board Meeting. To verify a meeting date, please call the Village Hall at (815) 467-2151.

Village President

Patrick J. Brennan (815) 467-6806

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Terry Houchens (815) 467-4605

Dennis Martin (815) 693-6596

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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.

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