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News from the Mayor

Wow, what a winter we had! The good news is, it's over; the bad news is the winter weather created many infrastructure problems we now have to address and unfortunately there is no help available from the county, state or federal government.

I'm sure you all heard what the Governor said to City of Syracuse Mayor Minor, "Fix your own dam pipes". That statement was intended for all local governments across the state. The state has recognized the fact that the extreme winter season has caused a great deal of damage and therefore has set aside fifty million dollars to all local governments to assist with street repairs and Minoa will receive \$4,843.40. Has anyone paved a driveway lately? \$4,843.40 will help us do some temporary patching and that's about it.

The 2015-16 budget was approved last Monday and in my twenty five years on the Village Board this has been, by far, the toughest budget to date. It's unfortunate that over the last three decades under the guidance of three Mayors, doing what was right, sharing of services, consolidating where it made sense and presenting a conservative budget every year has come back to haunt us. Who could have predicted the loss of sales tax to the county, over a quarter of a million dollars in cash, the tax cap, (with no mandate relief) and then there is the tax freeze. All of which has created a tough time for us to continue to provide the level of service you've all come to expect. In addition to all of that, Ryan Homes has pulled out of our area which means the slow growth we have experienced over the last few years has come to a standstill.

What does this all mean? Village property tax will go up this year to \$9.23 per thousand which is just under the tax cap. This tax increase will raise only \$44,099.00 which doesn't go very far in today's world. How does this increase effect you, it adds \$28.00 annually to a \$100,000 house and \$56.00 to a \$200,000 house annually. All major expenditures have been put on hold and our hardworking, dedicated staff will not get a raise this year. Now for the good news, our County Executive said she would use a portion of the sales tax money to reduce County property taxes to offset our need to increase taxes, which has been done, which is nothing more than tax shift and the Governor said that if the village plays the tax cap game and follows all the rules, which we have done, he will send you a check to pay for the increase in our taxes!!

We are still fiscally strong and with the help of our many volunteers and commercial friends that co-sponsor our community events, you'll see no change in the services we provide. As always we continue to work to become more efficient, apply for grants, as well as, look at alternative fuel sources.



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Continued Mayor's Message.

Our Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) project is rapidly approaching completion and when finished it will help offset some of our energy costs. We also plan to enter the NY Prize competition the Governor just announced with an energy plan which would help us create our own power grid in case of a large scale disaster; if successful our community could be self-sustaining during such an event.

The village board and my staff have done an unbelievable job during these tough times to make sure we are the best at what we do for the least amount of money. Many studies have shown that local government is the closest to the people, the most responsive level of government, while delivering services at a cost that is by far, the best buy in government.

On behalf of the Village Board and my staff we wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Richard J. Donovan, Mayor

MINOA FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIELD DAYS

Lewis Park

Thursday, May 28

Kiddie Parade – 5:30pm

Men's 2 ½" Pushball – 6pm

Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person - 6pm – 10pm

Band –JEFF HINMAN– 6pm - 9pm

Friday, May 29

Men's 1 ½" Pushball – 6pm

Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person - 6pm – 10pm

Band –JASON KRUEGER BAND with Special Guest SARAH HILTBRAND – 6pm – 11:30pm

Saturday, May 30

Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person – 12pm – 5pm & 6pm – 10pm

6pm – GRAND PARADE

Band – UNDER THE GUN – 7pm – 11:30pm



Village of Minoa Community Benches Project



- Stand alone flower box \$100.00
- Bench with two flower boxes either end \$300.00
 - Engraved Emblem (*Optional*) \$15.00
3 x 5 black & silver aluminum plate
Approximately 4 lines w/ 20 characters

Donated/Purchased by:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Number: _____
E-mail address: _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

CRUISIN' IN MINOA AT LEWIS PARK



EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT STARTING MAY 16, 2014

5:30 – 8:30PM

ALL TYPES OF CARS ARE WELCOME

ANTIQUE, CLASSICS AND STREET RODS

THIS YEAR LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 6:30 pm

May 15 – Jeff Hinman

May 22 – Mood Swing

May 29 – Minoa Field Days

June 5 – The Other Guise

June 12 – Zero Point Zero

June 19 – Big D Trio

June 26 – I Am Fool

July 3 – No Show (Holiday)

July 10 – Dan Elliott and the Monterays

July 17 – No Show (The Nationals)

July 24 – Smokin'

July 31 – Bright Lights & Country Music

Aug. 7 – The Coachmen

Aug. 14 – Rhythm Method

Aug.21 – Root Shock

3rd Annual Festival in the Park

September 19, 2015

FOOD AND SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED

CHECK OUR WEB SITE or TWITTER FOR BAND INFO, DETAILS, RAIN DATES OR CANCELLATIONS

WWW.VILLAGEOFMINOA.COM Twitter @villageofminoa

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MINOA DAYS

Village of Minoa Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, July 11th – 8AM – 5PM

**2015 Onondaga County Health Department
Rabies Shot Clinic**

**Thursday, August 6th - 5PM - 7PM
Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive**

Please keep your pets on a leash or in a carrier and keep them close to you. If possible bring your pets past rabies records.

New York State Public Health Law requires that all puppies and kittens get their first rabies shot at three months of age. They also need to get a booster shot at one year old and then again every three years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.

**3rd Annual
MINOA
FESTIVAL
In The
PARK**

FIREWORKS BROUGHT TO YOU BY
**SUPERIOR
SEAL & PAVING, INC.**

**FIREWORKS!
RAFFLES & CRAFTS
LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
FAMILY FUN
KIDS ZONE
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD-TREATS
CLASSIC CARS**

**Saturday,
September 19th
Lewis Park
Minoa, NY
11:30 to dusk!
Live music all day
till Fireworks!**

Main Street, Minoa NY 13116
Corner of Hulbert Street & Costello Parkway
f **Minoa Festival in the Park**
minoafestival.com

**TEAL
RIBBON
RUN**
Ovarian Cancer Awareness
tealribbonrun.org

music arranged
by I am Fool



**7th Annual
TEAL
RIBBON
RUN**

**5K Run
3K Walk**

Ovarian Cancer Awareness

September 19th
10AM Lewis Park, Minoa, NY
Registration: TealRibbonRun.org

**5K course is designed for a personal best time
3K scenic course for walkers, strollers, families, pets
Awards for Top 3 finishers in each age group
Awards for top fund raisers
Stay for the Festival in the Park
Enjoy: Food, Live Music, Kids Zone & Fireworks**

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MADISON CO. NY

**UPSTATE
CANCER CENTER**

Heather
1984-2008

hope
for heather
OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS
Hopeforheather.org



The Village of Minoa is now on Twitter

Please follow us today for all the latest information on the Village of Minoa.

Go to www.twitter.com and sign up today.

@villageofminoa



A Word from the Department of Public Works

Trash and yard waste and miscellaneous debris should be in compliance with the curbside collection policy. Just a reminder, trash and yard waste are better left in piles near the road instead of rows. **Do not put yard waste in plastic or garbage bags and do not place in the roadway.**

Please do not bring outside construction and/or side job debris into the Village for pick up.

Neighbors should call the Codes Enforcement Officer at (315) 656-3100 or the DPW at (315) 656-7574 to report any violators.

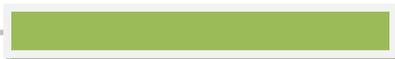
Remember; do not place trash or debris curbside for pick-up until noon the day before your scheduled pick-up day!



CAN I HAVE A FIRE PIT IN MY BACKYARD?

The short answer is yes, **BUT** you must keep three things in mind:

- 1) Your fire pit must be in a safe location that is a minimum of 25 feet from a structure;
- 2) You cannot leave your fire pit unattended, until the fire is extinguished; and
- 3) The smoke emission and/or odor from your fire pit must not be offensive or objectionable especially when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.



Message from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

Village Taxes are due by July 1, 2015 without penalty. There is a secure drop box located in the hallway outside of the Village Office for your convenience when the office is closed.

The payment and penalty schedule is as follows:

PENALTY SCHEDULE	PERCENT
June 1 – June 30, 2015	No Penalty
July 1 – July 31, 2015	5%
August 1 – August 15, 2015	6%
August 16 – August 31, 2015	6% + \$1.00
September 1 – September 30, 2015	7% + \$1.00
October 1 – November 2, 2015	8% + \$1.00
November 3 – November 20, 2015	14.45% + \$1.00 Payable to ONONDAGA COUNTY CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

Please visit our website at www.villageofminoa.com to view meeting minutes, calendar of events, photo gallery and utilize the forms available online. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the village office at (315) 656-3100.

Summer Office Hours

July 6th – September 25th
Monday thru Thursday: 8:00am – 4:30pm
Friday: 8:00am – 11:30am

Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer is a destructive beetle from Asia. As of May 1, 2013 most of Onondaga County is currently under quarantine to slow the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Please visit the following web sites to learn more about what to do if you have an ash tree on your property.

<http://www.extendonondaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/EABisHereANDashIDEABID.pdf>

<http://www.extendonondaga.org/natural-resources/invasive-species/terrestrial-animals/eab/>



Calendar of Events

MAY 2015

- 5/01/15 Sewer Relevy – All unpaid sewer amounts added to Village Tax Bill
- 5/03/15 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/06/15 Justice Court – 5:30 pm/Doors Open 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/07/15 Village Board Meeting – NOON – Municipal Building
- 5/14/15 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 5/20/15 Justice Court – 5:30 pm/Doors Open 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/20/15 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church
- 5/15/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park – 5:00 – 8:30pm-Music by "Jeff Hinman"**
- 5/18/15 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/22/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park – 5:00 – 8:30pm-Music by "Mood Swing"**
- 5/25/15 Memorial Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 5/25/15 Memorial Day Ceremony – Parade at 11:00 am
- 5/28/15 Minoa Fire Department Field Days – Lewis Park
- 5/29/15 Minoa Fire Department Field Days – Lewis Park
- 5/30/15 Minoa Fire Department Field Days – Lewis Park

JUNE 2015

- 6/01/15 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/01/15 **Village Tax Bills Levied**
- 6/03/15 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/04/15 *Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 6/05/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "The Other Guise"**
- 6/07/15 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/11/15 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 6/12/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa–Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm–"Zero Point Zero"**
- 6/15/15 Village Board Meeting – 12:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/17/15 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church
- 6/17/15 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/19/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "The Big D Trio"**
- 6/26/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "I Am Fool"**

JULY 2015

- 7/01/15 **Village Tax Bills due without penalty**
- 7/02/15 *Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 7/03/15 **4th of July Holiday for Village Employees-Village Office Closed**
- 7/06/15 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/09/15 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 7/10/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "Dan Elliott & The Monterays"**
- 7/11/15 Village Wide Garage Sales
- 7/15/15 Justice Court – 5:30 pm/Doors Open 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/15/15 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church
- 7/20/15 Village Board Meeting – 12:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/24/14 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "Smokin"**
- 7/31/15 ***Cruisin' in Minoa – Lewis Park - 5:00 – 8:30pm – "Bright Lights & County Music"**

*Golden Age Club meets every Thursday
*** Cruisin' in Minoa is every Friday weather permitting**