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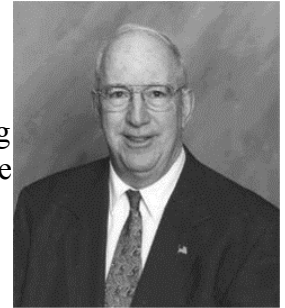
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News from the Mayor

We experienced an incredible summer and I hope that everyone was able to take advantage of the nice weather. We are now fully operational in the new Municipal Building and it is exceeding our expectations. We are also pleased to be able to provide a space for meetings in our Community Rooms for various groups within our Fire District. The Parade of Homes held at Minoa Farms recorded the largest crowd in the history of this event.



Construction of the apartments at Ferndale Lane and North Central Avenue is in full swing and the final building is underway. The units that have been completed are rented to capacity and it is my understanding that there is a waiting list for the remaining two buildings. The developer has informed me that the tenants are mostly current or former Minoa residents.

The Masonic Temple has been sold to the Bosnian and Hercegovina Association Assembly that will use the facility in the same way as the Masons. The Association wishes to become an active part of our Village and participate in our community events. They have graciously offered us the use of their tree for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4, 2005. This will continue a long-standing tradition at that location.

We just opened bids for the demolition and removal of the house and garage located at 216 N. Main Street next to the Municipal Building. Our plans for the site include a parking lot with green space and an evergreen tree which, when mature, will be the future home of our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. While waiting for the environmental issues and demolition permits to be issued, the site was used by our police and fire departments as a training facility. This hands on experience proved to be an invaluable training ground by providing space for real life situations in which to hold drills.

Don't forget our Community Clock Project! By becoming a part of this project, you can provide a long lasting tribute to your family or a loved one you wish to memorialize.

Wet leaves are here, snow is coming, be safe and enjoy your fall and early winter season.



A Word from the Department of Public Works

Winter Time!!!! Please do not park on or block sidewalks in the Village. The Village plow cannot get through. When plowing out driveways and sidewalks, make sure the snow is not placed in the roadway or on the sidewalks. Failure to comply with this request will be subject to violation notices and/or tickets.

If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli, Superintendent of D.P.W., @ 656-7574. E-mail - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

A Word from Codes Enforcement



Remember that from November 1, 2005 through April 15, 2006 there will be no overnight parking on Village streets or Village owned parking lots between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The fine is \$20.00 and your car will be towed away at owner's expense.



The Village of Minoa and the Minoa Free Library will be sponsoring a Surplus Auction of all remaining furnishings at 114 Willard Street and 213 Osborne St., respectively. The Library auction is scheduled for 9:00 am and the Village auction is scheduled for 10:00 am, both on Saturday, November 5, 2005.

Message from the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer



**Karen A. Curulla
Clerk / Treasurer**

Message from the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer:

What's new at the Municipal Building?

For your convenience, we have added a "Payments" Drop Box in the main hallway outside of the Village Clerk's office. Please feel free to use it to make your water and/or sewer payments when the building is open but the office is closed. The drop box is checked each morning to see if any payments have been made. The rear door of the building is open to coincide with Library hours.

New faces in the Village Clerk's Office!

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of my staff. Barbara Sturick has recently joined us as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Sally Dickson as a P/T Clerk. They along with Terry Edwards, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, are here to serve you the residents of the Village. Please stop by to say hello!

My best wishes for a blessed and healthy holiday season!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Village Office.



Douglas A. Bennett, Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank presented Mayor Donovan with a check for \$500.00. as a donation for the Community Clock Project



Mayor Donovan presented former Minoa Postmaster Al Zappala with a Proclamation naming October 23, 2005 as "AL ZAPPALA DAY" in the Village of Minoa.

MINOA POSTMASTER RETIRES

Minoa Postmaster Al Zappala recently retired. Al worked for over 40 years for the US Postal Service of which 21 years were as Minoa Postmaster.

On October 23, 2005 at Al's surprise retirement party, Mayor Donovan presented Al with a Proclamation. The Proclamation by the Village Board of the Village of Minoa proclaimed October 23, 2005 as "AL ZAPPALA DAY" in the Village of Minoa.

We would all like to wish Al and his family the very best. Have a great retirement!!!!

MANLIUS HOLIDAY MARKET COMES TO MINOA

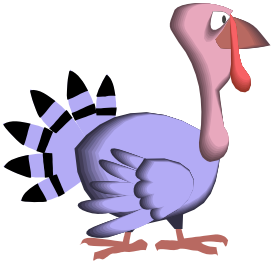
The Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Holiday Market in the Minoa Municipal Building on Saturday, November 19, 2005. The Holiday Market is scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It will be an Arts and Crafts exposition and a local business fair. Local artisans and businesses will participate. Blood pressure screenings and entertainment are among the planned activities for the day.

ANNUAL SANTA DETAIL

The Fire Trucks will be going out on Sunday, December 18, 2005 carrying Santa's helpers throughout the Village and the Fire District. They will leave the Fire Station at approximately 10:00 am. Santa and his helpers will be giving out candy canes to children of all ages.



Calendar of Events



11/1/04 Water Billing – Section I
11/1/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section IV
11/1/05 Sewer Penalty Billing
11/5/05 **Surplus Auction – 10:00 am - Community Bldg – 213 Osborne St.**
11/7/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N. Main St.
11/2/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/6/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/10/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
11/11/05 Veterans Day – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
11/15/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11.00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
11/16/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/21/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N. Main St.
11/24/05 **Thanksgiving – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
11/25/05 **Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**

*Golden Age meets every Thursday



12/1/05 Water Billing – Section II
12/1/05 Sewer Penalty Billing
12/2/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section I
12/4/05 **Tree Lighting Ceremony – 6:00 pm – Former Masonic Temple**
12/4/05 Children's Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – Bosnian and Hercegovina Association (Former Masonic Temple) @ corner of N. Main St. and East Ave.
12/4/05 **Christmas Cantata – 7:30 pm – First United Methodist Church**
12/4/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/5/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/7/05 Justice Court -6:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/8/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
12/18/05 **Santa Claus Detail by the Minoa Fire Dept – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
12/19/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N. Main St.
12/20/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 -11:00am, 6:00-7:00 pm – Municipal Building
12/26/05 **Christmas Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
12/27/05 **Floating Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**

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William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor

A Message from the Deputy Mayor

It has been a great year of growth for the Village of Minoa. The Parade of Homes was one of the most successful events the Board of Realtors has ever presented. The grand opening of our new Municipal Building and all the new businesses that have opened since the first of the year have been a great addition to the Village. I'd like to welcome all our new neighbors to this community and invite you stop in and see our new Municipal Building.

The Community Clock Project is off to a great start. As of October 31, 2005 we have received \$4,175.00 in donations. Our goal is to raise \$8500.00 by December 16, 2005. I encourage you to be part of this project and to record a lasting memory of your family in our Village history.

As always I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions on any subject at anytime. I can be reached at wbrazill@villageofminoa.com.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.