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## ***News from the Mayor***

Fall is quickly coming to an end and winter will soon be upon us. Please note the different items in this newsletter that relate to the changing seasons and the rules that are in place to help keep your Village safe and clean.

A warm welcome to our newest business on N. Main Street, Main Street Express, owned and operated by Steve Fisher. Stop by and welcome him to Minoa.

Following are some of the major items that took place since our last newsletter:

- On August 21, 2006 a final water reading was taken by the Village with OCWA employees along side as we begin our Lease Agreement with OCWA. We have been told that the first bill from OCWA to Village residents should happen sometime around December 1, 2006. From now on, if you have any water concerns, please refer them to the Onondaga County Water Authority at 455-7061.
- The demolition of the Community Building on Osborne Street is now complete. A \$50,000.00 grant was received from Community Development to assist us with this year's project. Funding for the next phase of this project from Community Development was not received; however, with the expertise and creative thinking of our Department of Public Works staff, they were able to bring the site to a useable and clean area for parking to support the playing fields. I along with Trustees Brazill and Theobald have been working with the ESM Youth Sports to erect a storage building adjacent to the St. Mary's' building to house the sports equipment now being stored in the trailer on site. Hopefully, this project will be completed this year by the volunteers from ESM Youth Sports and donations of time and materials from the general Minoa community. As always, it takes a great community like ours to do more with less. Thanks to Dale Stuper of ESM Youth Sports and all those who will make this project a success.

On behalf of the Village Board and our employees, we would like to wish all of you a happy, safe, Holiday season.



## ***A Word from Codes Enforcement***

**Remember that from November 1, 2006 through April 15, 2007 overnight parking is not allowed 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.**

## ***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

## ***News from the Minoa Free Library***

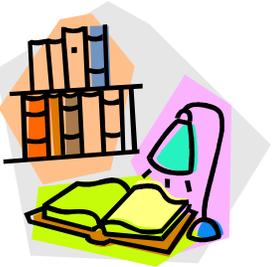
### ***Children Story Time Schedule***

Mondays - beginning September 25 & ending Oct. 30 - with Mrs. "B" - 10:30 am.  
Thursday evenings - beginning September 28 & ending Nov. 2- with Miss Laura - at 6:30 pm-

\*Note: Story times last about 1/2 hour.

### ***New at the Library***

Children's computer-loaded with educational and entertainment programs for kids aged 3 through 8. Some educational programs go to Grade 6. This is NOT connected to the Internet. Two sets of headphones - one for child/one for parent to enjoy the programs. Sessions are pre-set on the computer for 1/2 hour.



### ***Free Thanksgiving Dinner***

The First United Methodist Church of Minoa, 246-248 East Ave., Minoa NY, cordially invites the **Senior Citizens and US Veterans of the Minoa area** to enjoy a delicious **FREE Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 16, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. noon in the church dining hall. We would also like to take this opportunity to honor and thank the Veterans for the many sacrifices they have made for our country. Please join us in celebrating this special holiday.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 8. Call Dianne Wesseldine at 656-3538 or Pat Redhead at 656-9020.**

### ***Community Choir Concert***

Performing "Jesus, There's Something About That Name". December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30pm. First United Methodist Church of Minoa, 246-248 East Ave., Minoa NY 13116

Please join us for this joyous holiday event. Handicap accessible.

### ***Mayor Donovan Elected President***

Mayor Donovan was recently elected President of the Onondaga County Association of Mayors and Elected Officials. For the past two years he served as Vice-President. The organization meets monthly and routinely discusses local as well as state issues. An agenda of those issues is given to the New York State Conference of Mayors in Albany who lobby on our behalf to the State legislative body.

### ***Annual Santa Detail***

The Fire Trucks will be going out on Sunday, December 17, 2006 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.



## CLEAN VILLAGE / CLEAN STREAMS KEEPING MINOA CLEAN

The Village of Minoa's rainwater drains into two (2) creeks. Limestone Creek approaches the Village from the southeast and runs along the south and west borders. Eventually it is joined by Butternut and Chittenango Creeks and enters Oneida Lake. All of the stormwater from the southern and eastern parts of the Village, including the Sewage Treatment Plant's effluent, flow into this creek. The stormwater from Cheryl Lane west through Canterbury Woods flows into Butternut Creek at the northeast corner of ESM. While the citizens of Minoa have no control of the cleanliness of these creeks before they touch the Village, they have an obligation to assure that these creeks are not more contaminated by Village runoff.



Creeks have the capability to be self-cleaning through bacterial action; however, this is a limited capacity that can be easily overwhelmed. Slightly contaminated water from a swimming pool, even during complete seasonal draining, will probably be accommodated. However, swimming pool water containing a high level of residual chlorine has the capability of rendering the receiving water septic by killing the "friendly bacteria" that keep the water clean. (When in doubt, check with the operators at the Sewage Treatment Plant before emptying your pools.)

Some materials must **never** be dumped into the storm drain system. This includes motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, solvents, paints, cooking oils, pesticides, fertilizers, sewage and eroded soils. Stores that sell motor oil and anti-freeze are obligated to accept the used materials for proper disposal. Pick up a copy of OCRRA's quarterly newsletter at the Village Office for information on proper disposal of these items.

### ***National Incident Management System***

Almost daily, it seems, there are incidents that happen in this country where **disaster preparedness** comes into play. I'm proud to announce that the Village of Minoa has met the requirements for **NIMS** (National Incident Management System). This system has been initiated by President Bush through Homeland Security to provide a national standard for all agencies to follow in the event of a major disaster. Having this certification is mandatory when applying for disaster aid from FEMA or SEMO. Certification has been achieved by all the members of my Board as well as key department heads, Minoa Fire Department and EMS staff. A Critical Response Committee has been formed and is comprised of the four fire departments in the Town of Manlius, CSX, East Syracuse Minoa and Fayetteville Manlius School Districts and is under the guidance of Captain Bill Bleyle of the Town of Manlius Police Department. Also, a local disaster plan is in place. The committee meets on a monthly basis and they have periodic drills with a larger scale drill with other outside agencies including County, State, and Federal departments held annually. The Minoa Municipal Building technology also gives us the ability to house a command center at that location for all of these agencies. All of this is for assurance that we will be ready in the event of a major incident. We are currently working on a link for our web site for the CRC as well as publishing disaster plan information you would need to know in case of a disaster.

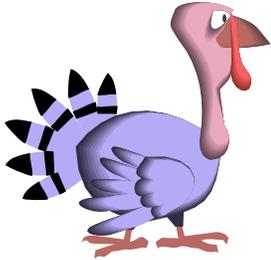
### ***Codes Enforcement Office***

The Village is pleased to announce that we have hired Richard J. Greene as the Village's part time Codes Enforcement Officer. Mr. Greene has many years of experience and education in the area of codes enforcement. In a spirit of consolidation, we previously contracted with the Town of Manlius to handle our codes issues, the results of which over time did not meet our expectations. Applications for Building Permits and any other codes related issues can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office, 240 N. Main Street or by calling Mr. Greene at 656-2612.



Richard J. Greene  
Codes Enforcement  
Officer

## ***Calendar of Events***



### **NOVEMBER 2006**

- 11/1/06 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 11/1/06 Justice Court – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/2/06 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 11/5/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/6/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/9/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/10/06 Veterans Day – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
- 11/14/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/15/06 Justice Court – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/20/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 11/23/06 Thanksgiving – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
- 11/24/06 Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**

\*Golden Age meets every Thursday – 11:00 am - Municipal Building

### **DECEMBER 2006**

- 12/1/06 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 12/3/06 Tree Lighting Ceremony – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building**
- 12/3/06 Children's Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – Minoa Fire Department**
- 12/3/06 Christmas Cantata – 7:30 pm – First United Methodist Church**
- 12/3/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/4/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/6/06 Justice Court -5:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/7/06 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 12/7/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/17/06 Santa Claus Detail by the Minoa Fire Dept – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
- 12/18/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N. Main St.
- 12/19/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 -11:00am, 6:00-7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/25/06 Christmas Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**

\*Golden Age meets every Thursday – 11:00 am - Municipal Building



**Karen A. Curulla**  
Clerk / Treasurer

## ***Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer***

Payment of Village Taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1 can be made to the Onondaga County Chief Fiscal Officer, PO Box 1004, Syracuse, NY 13201-1004 between November 1 and November 21. If not paid by November 21, 2006, unpaid taxes will be added to your January 1, 2007 Town/County Tax Bill.

Any balance remaining on residents water account on May 1, 2007 will be added to their June 1, 2007 Village Tax bill. A reminder bill will be sent out on April 1, 2007.

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