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News from the Mayor

Welcome to spring!! With spring comes green grass, flowers, and a renewed energy that sun and warm weather brings to us each year.

Through the incredible energy and efforts of Sue Kowalski and Karen Spicola of the Minoa Elementary School Library and the support of our local government, business leaders, educators, and students, a \$5,000 federal grant was bestowed upon the Minoa Elementary School Library recognizing National Library Week. The project objective was to encourage people of all ages to read. The outward sign of this project was the banner hanging over N. Main Street along with hand drawn signs on display in front of many of our businesses, as well as the Village Municipal Building.

I would like to touch upon recent articles referencing consolidation of services by local governments, even doing away with villages. May I be so bold as to suggest that village taxes are the best money you spend compared to other taxes you pay for the services you receive. Our country has flourished because it has had a strong middle class. Local governments are the backbone of this county, the closest to the people to know their needs, and are best able to respond to them. We at the local level are now being told otherwise. It seems like everyday we receive another mandate with no money attached from either the state or federal government. It is no secret that the middle class in this country is shrinking and if we consolidate local government or do away with it completely, we are in deep trouble. We have for years cooperated with our neighbors of Fayetteville, Manlius and the Town of Manlius when extra or specialized equipment or manpower was needed. If you observe our community events, it is your Mayor, Trustees, staff members, DPW and/or ambulance personnel and VOLUNTEER firemen who set up the sound system, chairs etc. and removes them after. The cost of fire protection which is borne by both the Village and Town of Manlius is increasing even though our firefighters are totally volunteer. All four fire departments in the town meet on a regular basis to see what we can do better. That being said, we will not make changes that look good on paper and sacrifice the safety of our residents and those in the fire protection district we protect for the town.

Recreation for our community is handled by the ESM Youth Sports, another volunteer group that provides athletic programs for our youth. The Town of Manlius Recreation Department provides our summer program and with Village sponsorship conducts the concerts and movies in Lewis Park. They also provide recreation opportunities for adults of all ages.

This past August, after many months of evaluation, we entered into an agreement with OCWA to lease our water system to them. Their expertise and ability to operate our system in today's environment has proven to be an excellent decision for the operation of the Village as well as for our residents as the cost of purchasing water decreased.

Several years ago, the Village and the Town of Manlius entered into an agreement for the enforcement of our Codes by the Town of Manlius Codes Enforcement Office in an effort to consolidate forces. It was found, over time, that arrangement did not work. Currently, the Village has its own Codes Enforcement Officer, Richard Greene, who in addition to issuing building permits and overseeing construction projects is addressing quality of life issues that were overlooked in the past. Consolidation is not always the answer nor can we put everything in the same box and expect the same results. Thus, we continue to look at and evaluate everything we do with the best interest of our village in mind.

I'm fortunate to have a dedicated and hard working board. We are doing everything we can to keep expenses in line while providing the services you have come to expect and enjoy. I am pleased to announce that for a second year in a row, the Village Board is able to maintain the current tax rate even though we have no control over a number of increased expenses; i.e, unfunded mandates, increased fuel costs, employee benefits, and insurance liability premiums, to name a few. I appreciate the faith you have placed in us to lead our community.

On behalf of the Village Board and myself, I hope you have an enjoyable and safe spring.

News from the Minoa Fire Department

**MINOA FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FIELD DAYS
May 31, June 1 and 2, 2007
Lewis Park**

Thursday, May 31

Kiddie Parade - 6:00

Men's 2 1/2" Pushball – 6:00

Family Night Special – Hotdog, fries and soda \$3.00

Hawkins Ride Special \$13.00 wristband per person

Digital DJ Kev – 9:00 -10:00

Friday, June 1

Men's 1 1/2" Pushball – 6:00p.m.

Band – WITS END – 7:00 – 11:30

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Junior's 1 1/2" Pushball 11:00 a.m.

Hawkins Ride Special \$13.00 wristband per person – 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

GRAND PARADE 6:00 P.M.

Band – RHYTHM METHOD – 7:00 – 11:30

***If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at
(315) 656-9204.***

Another year is here and Spring has finally arrived! Every Spring and Fall, batteries need to be replaced in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure you have fresh batteries, and check your smoke detectors monthly.

The Minoa FD has memorial flags for fire department members who have passed away. If you know someone, and have not received a memorial flag, please contact:

-Dave Matthes, Sr. (315) 656-8484

-David Van Marter (315) 427-0021

-Nick Erard, Jr. (315) 663-8058

The Minoa FD is always looking for volunteers!! Volunteers can assist in Emergency Medical Services, Fire Services, Incident Scene Support, or in a Support Group. Please call (315) 656-9204 for more information.

**Public Education Officer
Scot Garland**



**AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS,
RESIDENTS OR OTHER PERSONS LIVING
AND/OR WORKING IN THE VILLAGE OF MINOA**

On behalf of the Village of Minoa (Village), I am writing this letter to all property owners, residents or other persons living and/or working in our Village. On January 17, 2007, the Village enacted Local Law No. One (1) that provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code), the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (the Energy Code), and the Code of the Village of Minoa (Code of Minoa).

Within the Uniform Code is the Property Maintenance Code (Property Code) that applies, but no limited, to the owner or the owner's designated agent and/or the occupants of all existing premises and all existing residential and nonresidential structures regardless of whether they were constructed before or after the Uniform Code was enacted (January 1, 1984).

Although the Property Code and the Code of Minoa covers many elements of property maintenance, I want to focus this letter on the minimum requirements and standards for maintaining a premise clean, safe, secure and sanitary.

Below I have listed examples of the Property Code and/or the Code of Minoa that will give you an idea of the extent of their authority,

1. No machinery, equipment or motor vehicle commonly used in a business and no unregistered vehicles shall be stored out of doors in any Residential District (**Code of Minoa ¶160-8, 9, & 10**),
2. No unregistered motor vehicles shall be stored or parked out of doors except upon real property upon which new or used motor vehicles are being sold by licensed motor vehicle dealers (**Code of Minoa ¶160-19**).
3. At **NO** time may any vehicle be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Vehicles may only be painted inside an approved spray booth (**Property Code ¶302.8**).
4. All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure must be kept free of any accumulation of rubbish or garbage (**Property Code ¶305.1**).
5. Occupants must dispose of rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in approved containers (**Property Code ¶305.2 & ¶305.3**).
6. Combustible waste, refuse, and large quantities of dry vegetation, which by reason of their proximity to buildings or structures constitute a fire hazard or contribute to the spread of fire, must be removed (**Property Code ¶305.1.1**).
7. All premises and structures must be kept free of insect and rodent harborage. When insects or rodents are found, they must be promptly exterminated by approved processes not injurious to human health. After extermination, property precautions must be taken to prevent re-infestation (**Property Code ¶306.1**).
8. It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant or person having control of any lot or land in the village to permit or maintain . . . any growth of weeds or grass to a greater height than six inches on the average, or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush (**Code of Minoa ¶136-16**).
9. All noxious weeds are prohibited regardless of height (**Property Code ¶302.4**).
10. Occupants of a dwelling (**Property Code ¶202**) are responsible for keeping in a clean, sanitary and safe condition that part of the dwelling unit or premises which they occupy and control (**Property Code ¶301.2 & ¶302.1**).
11. The exterior of structures, including but not limited to doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences – must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair and a sanitary condition so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare (**Property Code ¶303.1**).
12. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept in a property state of repair, and maintained free of hazardous conditions (**Property Code ¶302.3**).
13. The interior of structure must be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary condition.
14. Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and/or walls on your Property are not being maintained in a structurally sound condition and/or in good repair (**Property Code ¶302.7**)

The Village of Minoa Board wants to make Minoa a proud and beautiful Village. Please don't hesitate to call the Village Office Code Enforcement Office and talk to Mr. Richard Greene at 656- 2612 if you have any questions or concerns.

Message from the Village Treasurer



Karen A. Curulla
Treasurer

The Village Board adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and it is available for preview in my office during regularly scheduled office hours. The Tax Rate remains the same at \$8.40/m.

Just a reminder! Village Tax bills will be mailed on May 31, 2007. Payment without penalty is due by July 2, 2007. A drop box to receive payments when the office is closed is located in the hallway outside of the Village Office for your convenience.

Summer Office Hours
July 2 – August 31, 2007
Monday thru Thursday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am – 11:30 am

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me or the Village Clerk, Suzanne Snider, at the Village Office @ 656-3100.

CLEAN VILLAGE / CLEAN STREAMS KEEPING MINOA CLEAN



“SPRING” is upon us! Now that we are able to see our lawns again, most of us will be anxious to make our grass look better than ever. We have already seen the ads for lawn care products and services. Besides improving the appearance of our homes, a healthy lawn stabilizes the ground, converts carbon dioxide to oxygen and improves air quality. It also guards against soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation in our waterways.

To maintain a healthy lawn, the soil phosphorus levels must never drop below 20 parts per million (ppm) which, usually, requires the addition of a lawn fertilizer. It may be necessary to periodically apply insecticides and weed killers. All of these additives, if improperly used, the potential to pollute our streams.

Lawn fertilizer packages have three (3) numbers on their packages (ie, 10-10-10 or 16-4-8). These numbers represent the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus (as P₂O₅) and potassium (as K₂O) present by weight. While these three (3) nutrients are necessary for proper growth of all plants, the “wash-off” to our streams will harm both the streams and the lake.

To protect our streams while maintaining healthy lawns, I recommend the following:

- Apply fertilizers with the necessary nutrient levels but no higher.
- Dry sweep any fertilizers on walks, driveways or roads back onto the lawn.
- Repair and replant torn-up areas along drives and roadways.
- Apply insecticides and weed killers with great care to prevent run-off.

Robert Wolf Storm Water Representative

A Word from the Department of Public Works

Spring Cleanup!!!!!!! Yard waste and miscellaneous debris should be in compliance with the curbside collection policy. Just a reminder.... Leaves are better left in piles near the road instead of rows, as this is easier for the machine to pickup. **Do not put leaves in plastic or garbage bags** and do not place in the roadway. If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli Superintendent of D.P.W. @ 656-7574. E-mail - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com



DPW & Waste Water Treatment Facility Schedule:

May 29 – August 31, 2007

Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m. Friday 7:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Heaven's Pantry

Heaven's Pantry appreciates all that people and organizations of the Minoa, Kirkville area do to feed those who are in need through donations of food. We have been blessed over the years by this generosity; we would like to say a big Thank You!!!! **We would also like to make everyone aware that as a Food Pantry we can purchase food through the Food Bank of CNY at drastically reduced rate.**

If you like to donate for those in need, you may do so by sending monetary donations to:

Heaven's Pantry, 240 N.Main Street, Minoa, NY 13116

Food distribution for income eligible recipients is the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the pantry.

A Word from our ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

With spring and Minoa residents out walking their dogs, we have had several complaints of pets being allowed to deposit on private and public property in the Village of Minoa. This has become a major issue to many village residents.

All dogs must be on a leash when walking in the village.
All owners must clean up after their pets.

CARRY THAT PLASTIC BAG - AND USE IT

Do not extend the leash onto private property.
Our Village Code on regulations and restrictions of keeping animals within the village has to be enforced for all residents.
All pet owners are responsible for damages caused by their pets.

REMEMBER

Cats must have rabies shots and be licensed in the Village of Minoa.
Take responsibility for your pets and other people's property.



Village Businesses

The Village of Minoa would like to welcome a new business to our Village.

Interactive Engineering Solutions, PC (IESolutions) is moving into their new office space located at 112 Willard Street in Minoa. The building was formerly the village library and has been renovated into office space over the last few months.

IESolutions is a structural engineering firm that provides complete structural engineering services for a variety of commercial, municipal, medical, school, and hotel clients.

Carl Nordberg, PE started the company in 1997. In the fall of 2003 he joined with Douglas Cahill, PE and the two incorporated the company as equal partners. IESolutions currently employs four people. With their current office in Rome and the new office in Minoa, the partners look forward to steady growth serving Upstate New York's structural engineering needs.



Also please remember our other local businesses:

19 th Hole Tavern	132 N.Main St.	656-9800
Action Top Soil Inc.	Costello Pkwy.	656-7343
Bottle Return	330 Costello Pkwy	439-3828
Brad's Ice Cream Shoppe	91 Hulbert St.	656-8283
Charlie's Tavern	115 S. Main St.	656-9884
Colonial Laundromat	328 Costello Pkwy	656-3321
D & S Professional Service	359 S. Main St.	656-2533
Deb's House of Style	237 N. Main St.	243-2012
DeCarolis Truck Rental Inc.	402 N. Central Ave.	656-0090
Dr. Richard Levy - Dentist	109 Edgerton St.	656-7600
Green's Hardware	208 N. Main St.	656-3009
Hair Junction	610 N. Central Ave.	656-4247
JPMorgan Chase	249 N. Main St.	656-4183
Louie C's	237 N. Main St	656-3586
Main Street Express	107 N. Main St.	882-7530
Movie Gallery	91 Hulbert St.	656-9440
Parkway Pizza	332 Costello Pkwy.	656-9000
Schepp Funeral Home Inc.	109 East Ave.	656-3132
Scotty's Automotive	520 N.Central Ave.	656-9115
Sigtastic	116 N. Main St.	569-1325
Stenuf Law Office	141 N. Main St.	656-8743
Suburban Energy Services	320 N. Central Ave.	676-3231
Sunshine Liquor & Spirits	91 Hulbert St.	656-9696
Sunshine Minoa Food Mart	91 Hubert St.	656-3500
The Crossing Nursing Home	217 East Ave.	656-7277
Tom Feher's Auto Body	520 N. Central Ave.	656-2858



Easter Egg Hunt 2007



The annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Lewis Park this year on March 31, 2007 was a success. Over 300 children participated in the event. Special thanks to Trustee John Champagne, Trustee Ed Theobald, Paul Norcross and Sheila Norcross for all their help in planning this event.



A beautiful spring morning greeted the children who participated in the event.

Calendar of Events

May 2007

- 5/1/07 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 5/2/07 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/7/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/6/07 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 – Municipal Building
- 5/10/07 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 5/15/07 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/16/07 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/21/07 Public Presentation/Stormwater 4th Report @ 7:00 pm – Municipal Bldg.**
- 5/21/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/28/07 Memorial Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
- 5/28/07 Memorial Day Ceremony – Parade at 11:00 am**
- 5/31/07 Minoa Fire Department Field Days**

*Golden Age meets every Thursday

June 2007

- 6/1/07 Village Tax Bills Levied
- 6/1/07 Minoa Fire Department Field Days**
- 6/2/07 Minoa Fire Department Field Days**
- 6/3/07 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 – Municipal Building
- 6/4/07 Continuation of Condemnation Proceedings – 7:25 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/4/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
- 6/6/07 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/14/07 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 6/18/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
- 6/19/07 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 6/20/07 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building

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A Message from the Deputy Mayor

What an exciting time to be living in the Village of Minoa. There are so many wonderful events happening here, our new and improved Minoa Days event will be held at Lewis Park on Saturday, July 14, 2007. We will have live entertainment, food and fun for all ages; more information to follow in our next newsletter.

Remember to enjoy all of the activities our community has to offer. “Movies in the Park” and the “Summer Concert Series” at Lewis Park.

As always I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions on any subject at any time. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me at wbrazill@villageofminoa.com or call at 656-3100. Don't forget to provide your name, number and mailing address on all correspondence for a prompt response.

Have a safe and happy spring!



William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor