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News from the Mayor

Fall is here already, and a beautiful one it has been; however, the business environment has not been as nice. I would like to take this opportunity to address the issues that the Village of Minoa is currently facing to the best of my ability.

As you all know, the financial industry has been in disarray. The Village of Minoa will obviously be affected, to what extent we will have to wait and see. I have recently implemented a spending freeze through January 31, 2009. Department Heads have been advised to limit their expenditure requests to only necessary items needed to maintain current services and review each item with my office. We, as a Board, along with our employees, are always looking for ways to save money and find more efficient ways to do business.

I hope that by January we will have a more accurate financial picture from New York State regarding available funding. We already have to deal with unfunded mandates and my fear is that more funding will be cut. I will be in Albany next month to participate in a meeting with the New York State Conference of Mayors. The purpose of this meeting is to work with New York State officials and try to make sure that we don't have anymore financial burdens cast on the local level of government. Our fiscal conservative approach in the past has put the Village in a good financial condition. We will continue to make sure that this status does not change in the future.

The issue of consolidation is also in the forefront these days; in general, my take is that bigger government is not necessarily better. Municipalities lose local control and quality of services and most studies show that consolidation ultimately doesn't save the taxpayers money. The three mayors representing the Villages of Minoa, Manlius & Fayetteville, along with our Fire Chiefs, have been meeting on a regular basis with members of the Kirkville Fire District and the Town of Manlius to look at the delivery of fire and ambulance services. Due to the number of calls and the amount of training required by New York State, the Minoa Ambulance is a paid staff with 24/7 coverage. The Minoa Ambulance is occasionally supplemented by qualified Minoa Fire Department volunteers when available, which helps to keep overtime costs down. The expense of providing our ambulance service is partially paid for by ambulance billing and we will continue to evaluate these services to make sure that we are operating as efficiently as possible.

The Villages of Fayetteville and Manlius are reviewing alternatives together, while Minoa and Kirkville will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Minoa has not been involved in the discussions to discuss a Fire District with Fayetteville and Manlius because they have a paid staff for both Fire and Ambulance services. The Village of Minoa is fortunate that we are able to maintain a dedicated volunteer staff as our Minoa Fire Department. Neither our Village, nor the area we protect for the Town of Manlius, has the resources to pay for a paid fire service and as long as members of the Minoa Fire Protection District continue to volunteer their services to protect us, we will remain an all-volunteer unit.

I will continue to update everyone in our next newsletter (January 2009) regarding our fiscal status and as always, if you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Office at (315) 656-3100. On behalf of the Village Board and my staff, we wish you a safe and healthy ending to fall and the upcoming Holiday season.



A Word from the Department of Public Works



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.

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., at (315)656-7574 or by email at minoapw@twcny.rr.com

A Word from Codes Enforcement



Remember that from November 1, 2008 through April 15, 2009 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 the owner's expense.

CLEAN VILLAGE / CLEAN STREAMS KEEPING MINOA CLEAN

In the past year, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been putting their major emphasis on the prevention of soil and vegetation runoff from construction sites. On a construction site, if more than one (1) acre is disturbed, (it previously was five (5) acres) the contractor is obliged to abide by these new regulations. This involves the creation of a detailed "Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan" (SWPPP) and meticulously following the plan during the construction and post-construction periods. This plan must be submitted to both the local municipal authorities and to the DEC for approval and a copy must be available on-site for inspections by the local Codes Enforcement Officer and the DEC inspectors.



Although Village home-owners are not directly affected by these new regulations, they should be aware of the DEC's increased emphasis on soil and vegetation runoff and its effect on Limestone and Butternut Creeks and Oneida Lake. We have no control over rainfall but we can control the quality of the Stormwater runoff from streets and parking lots by not allowing our grass clippings, leaves and trash to remain on these hard surfaces to enter the catch basins.

One thing that I have observed during the summer was the amount of cut grass that was left on the street by some residents after mowing. The average power lawn mower is a very effective driveway and street blower when operated with the discharge side aimed toward the lawn and of course, brooms are also quite effective.

Robert Wolf Stormwater Representative

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Minoa, 246-248 East Ave., Minoa, NY cordially invites the Senior Citizens and US Veterans to enjoy a delicious FREE Thanksgiving dinner, at noon in the church dining hall on November 13, 2008. We are pleased to have this opportunity to honor the veterans and to thank them for their many unselfish acts of courage in protecting our freedom and our beloved country. Please join us in celebrating this special holiday. **Reservations are required and must be submitted by November 7, 2008.** Call Dianne Wesseldine 656-3538 or Pat Redhead at 656-9020.

Annual Tree Lighting

The Village of Minoa's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Dec. 7, 2008. The children's party starts at 5:00 pm followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 pm. Please join us at the Minoa Municipal Building to start the holiday season.

Community Choir Concert

Performing: "The Heart of Christmas", Dec. 7, 2008 at 7:30 pm.
Location: First United Methodist Church of Minoa
246-248 East Ave., Minoa, NY 13116.
Please join us for this joyous holiday event. Handicap accessible.

Annual Santa Detail

The Fire Trucks will be going out on Sunday, December 21, 2008 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.

YMCA After School Program at Minoa Elementary

This January the East Area Family YMCA is planning to begin an after school program at Minoa Elementary school. The program will be a state licensed school age childcare program that will run Mondays-Fridays from school dismissal until 6:00 pm and will offer a variety of activities including homework assistance, art centers, group games, outdoor play, snacks and more. The program will also offer care on half days, snow days, and all school holidays. For more information, or to add your name to the program interest list, please contact Kelly Butters at (315) 637-2025 x 207 or by email kbutters@eastareafamilyymca.org.

Time out for Moms (formerly Minoa MOPS)

Meetings take place at St. Mary's Rectory at 411 N. Main Street, Minoa. Join other Moms for conversation, food and fun. Childcare is provided. Cost is \$3.00 for each meetings and the meeting will be held the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you should have any questions, please contact Terry at (315) 656-8712.



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2008

10/31/08 Halloween Party – 5:30-9:00 pm – Station #1 Municipal Building

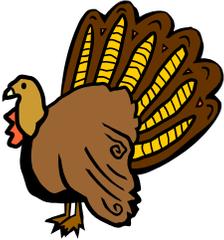
NOVEMBER 2008

11/2/08 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/3/08 Sewer Penalty Billing
11/3/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/4/08 Election Day – Village Offices Open
11/5/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/6/08 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
11/6/08 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
11/10/08 Veterans Day – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
11/17/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/18/08 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
11/19/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
11/27/08 Thanksgiving – Holiday for Village Employees –Village Office Closed
11/28/08 Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed

DECEMBER 2008

12/1/08 Sewer Penalty Billing
12/1/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/3/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/4/08 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
12/4/08 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
12/7/08 Children’s Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – Minoa Fire Department
12/7/08 Tree Lighting Ceremony – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
12/7/08 Community Choir Concert – 7:30 pm – First United Methodist Church
12/13/08 Boy Scout Troop - Luminary Delivery
12/14/08 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/15/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/16/08 Food Pantry – 10:00 -11:00am, 6:00-7:00 pm – Municipal Building
12/17/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
12/21/08 Santa Claus Detail by the Minoa Fire Dept – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
12/25/08 Christmas Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
12/26/08 Christmas Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed

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



Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer

TAX REMINDER

For your convenience, there is a Payments Drop Box in the main hallway outside of the Village Clerk’s office. Please feel free to use it to make your Village Tax payment, which is due by October 31, 2008, 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.

Payment of Village Taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1st can be made to the Onondaga County Chief Fiscal Officer, PO Box 1004, Syracuse, NY 13201-1004 between November 1st and November 21st. If not paid by November 21, 2008, unpaid taxes will be added to your January 1, 2009 Town/County Tax Bill.

If you should have any comments, suggestions, or questions you may have concerning the Village of Minoa and its operation please do not hesitate to contact me at (315) 656-3100 or by email: ssnider@villageofminoa.com.



**Suzanne M. Snider
Clerk / Treasurer**