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# Minoa News

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## News from the Mayor

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people...” Have you heard that line before? Our forefathers intended to make the break from England and create a land not totally burdened by taxes. A long time has passed since this country was established and here we are a victim of the very tax burden our country fought so hard to eliminate. New York State has become a national leader in taxation and our state leaders blame the cause on local government, particularly villages. Village government is the only government in this state formed by the people, but yet it is the only government body not protected by the State Constitution.



So when it comes to the conversation of restructuring an obsolete system of government that was formed in the horse and buggy days, the only governing body that can be changed without a constitutional convention is a village. No one in Albany wants to talk about restructuring big government, so the focus then becomes the village level of government and it will be a sad day when we lose grass roots government. If you want to know where local government expenses originate from, I encourage each and every one of you to review the following website, which will provide a number of answers to your questions: [www.stophthetaxshift.com](http://www.stophthetaxshift.com).

I acknowledge and support the fact that our government structure needs to be changed; however, it needs to be changed from the bottom up, not from the top down. I have made numerous suggestions to our state representatives, as well as the New York Conference of Mayors, as to how government in general could be restructured to meet today's' needs. I will continue to work on these issues, because in the long run, an overall restructuring of our statewide government is the only one that will save us money in the end.

I love our village and I think we do a great job at delivering the services you receive. I defy any other level of government to prove that they can deliver the level of services that we provide, while maintaining a small staff, for the money we receive to perform those services while dealing with unfunded mandates that are out of our control.

On behalf of my staff and the Village Board, we wish you a safe and fun filled summer.

## ***Minoa Welcomes Our Newest Business***

### **FAMILY VIDEO GRAND OPENING!!!**

Celebrating over 30 years of entertaining families, **Family Video will unveil a new store in Minoa in the plaza across from Lewis Park.**

Although Family Video has only been in the Syracuse area for one year (locations in **Liverpool, Auburn, Cortland, Rome, Geneva**) the company has almost 600 locations in 18 states. **New members receive unlimited half price rentals for the first 30 days and each location offers hundreds of free movie rentals to children with no paid rental required.** Stores are open 365 days a year to serve customers from 10 am to midnight.

**Family Video appreciates the Village of Minoa for letting them become a part of our neighborhood! They are excited to provide you with exceptional customer service at extremely low prices and look forward to seeing you.**

If you have any questions or need directions please visit our website at [www.familyvideo.com](http://www.familyvideo.com).



### **2010 Census**

**This summer the U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood of our village. In order to conduct the 2010 Decennial Census, the Census Bureau must know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay.**

**The Census employees will wear official identification and carry hand-held computers to capture physical addresses and their GPS coordinates. If you have any questions, please call the Village Office at (315) 656-3100.**



### **USED CLOTHING DROP OFF**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT 246-248 East Ave. Minoa NY 13116**

The Church now has a Used Clothing Drop Off Shed in their parking lot. Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, blankets and curtains may be dropped off. Please put your donations in plastic bags and tie them so they will not scatter throughout the shed. No rags, fabric scraps or small appliances are accepted. Donations are picked up weekly and distributed locally, throughout the United States, and in Third World Countries by St. Pauly Textile. Thank you for your help.

## ***A Word from our ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER***

With summer here 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.
- Do not extend that leash onto private property.
- All pet owners are responsible for damages caused by their pets.

**CARRY THAT PLASTIC BAG AND USE IT!**

**FALIURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN A COURT TICKET BEING ISSUED**

Our Village Code on regulations and restrictions of keeping animals within the village has to be enforced for all residents.

## ***A Word from the Department of Public Works***

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

\* Concerned neighbors should contact Richard Greene, Codes Enforcement Officer, at (315) 656-2612 or the DPW at (315) 656-7574 if they witness any violators.\*

**As a reminder, please do not place trash or debris outside for pick-up until after noon the day before your scheduled pick-up day.**



**DPW & Waste Water Treatment Facility Schedule:  
Summer Schedule - Now thru September 4, 2009**

**Monday thru Thursday 7:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and Friday 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

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

Overdue Village Tax bills are due and a drop box to receive payments when the office is closed is located in the hallway outside of the Village Office for your convenience.

The payment and penalty schedule is as follows:

<b>PENALTY SCHEDULE</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
July 2 – July 31, 2009	5%
August 1 – August 14, 2009	6%
August 15 – August 31, 2009	6% + \$1.00
September 1 – September 30, 2009	7% + \$1.00
October 1 – November 2, 2009	8% + \$1.00
November 3 – November 20, 2009	14.45% + \$1.00 Payable to: Onondaga County Chief Fiscal Officer

I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to visit our website at <http://www.villageofminoa.com> to review Board Meeting minutes, Calendar of Events, and utilize the forms available online. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at (315) 656-3100 or by email at [ssnider@villageofminoa.com](mailto:ssnider@villageofminoa.com)



**Suzanne M. Snider  
Clerk / Treasurer**



## **Calendar of Events**

### **July 2009**

- 7/13/09 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/15/09 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/20/09 Concert at Lewis Park – “Southern Comfort” – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- 7/21/09 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 7/31/09 Village Board/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 Noon –Municipal Building

### **August 2009**

- 8/01/09 Sewer Billing
- 8/02/09 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:30 – 8:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/03/09 Onondaga Co. Health Dept. Rabies Clinic – DPW Garage – 5:00 -7:00 pm
- 8/05/09 Movie at Lewis Park – at Dusk- “Kit Kittredge: An American Girl”**
- 8/06/09 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 8/10/09 Concert at Lewis Park – “Dan Elliott & The Monterays” – 7:00-9:00**
- 8/12/09 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/13/09 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 8/17/09 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/18/09 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am and 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/31/09 Village Board/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 Noon Municipal Building
- 8/31/09 Sewer Bills Due Without Penalty

### **September 2009**

- 9/01/09 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 9/03/09 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 9/06/09 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:30 – 8:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/07/09 Labor Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 9/10/09 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 9/14/09 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/15/09 Food Pantry 10:00-11:00 am and 6:00 -7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/16/09 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open at 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/30/09 Village Board/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 noon Municipal Building
- 9/30/09 Sewer Bills Due Without Further Penalty

\* Golden Age meets every Thursday

### **Village Summer Office Hours**

**Now thru September 4, 2009**

**Monday thru Thursday 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Friday 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

