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## News from the Mayor

Happy New Year and what an incredible year it has been. As tough as the economic climate has been our Village continues to grow and our local businesses continue to prosper. This year the Chinese restaurant Happy Wok invested in our community, 64 new homes were built in Minoa Farms and ESM carpentry class also built a home in the village, all of which helps stabilize our tax base.

There are other small businesses looking to potentially invest in our community in 2012 which hopefully will come to fruition. Even with the loss of a quarter of a million dollars in sales tax we have been able to keep a steady ship with our collaborative efforts with our innovative CERF project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. In anticipation of a \$307,000 grant from the New York State Finance Corporation we hope to be fully on line later this year converting our human waste and food waste from the ESM High school into energy. Currently we have produced two successful commercial testing jobs at CERF which has produced almost \$5,000 in revenue for the village.

We continue to evaluate all of our services and the decision to do a shared services agreement with WAVES Ambulance has a net effect of approximately \$50,000 in savings while increasing our management and medical staff which is improving that service. We have also entered into a new employee medical insurance plan with a multi- municipal consortium saving both our employees and the Village while offering our great employees a comparable benefit. The co-operative effort to evaluate the delivery of our fire and ambulance service throughout the Town of Manlius continues through the efforts of a very hard working nine person volunteer committee. This task is a very complex one involving four municipalities, three municipal fire departments and a fire district, that being said the committee has spent a lot of time and energy trying to figure out what will make sense long term for all of the residents in the Town of Manlius. Our representative is a Village Resident Dan Engelhardt, who volunteered his time, is doing an incredible job for our Village and the Town residents that we protect.

2011 saw the purchase of some new equipment including a multipurpose heavy duty tractor that will plow our side walks as well as have the ability to blow snow piles directly onto our trucks rather than have a pay loader do it making snow removal a safer and more productive operation. We also purchased a gator with 80% of the funds coming from the developer of Minoa Farms which will help us in grooming the trails in the Minoa Farms Park as well as other functions throughout the Village and will also be used by the Minoa Fire Department for field rescues where big vehicles aren't able to access patients.

We also took delivery of a new trash compacting truck. At our January 3rd meeting we approved the purchase of a new fire engine which will replace a 1992 engine which is in need of \$100,000 of major structural repairs. All of this is being done within the current budget and bonding cycles. We don't buy anything before other bonds are paid off keeping our debt balanced from year to year preventing major spikes requiring additional tax monies to be raised. I have a great board and staff that continually work to provide the services we provide as efficiently and cost effective as possible. We plan on doing the same in 2012.



Dick Donovan, Mayor

## *A Word from your Trustees*



**William F. Brazill**  
Deputy Mayor

It is an honor to serve as your Deputy Mayor and 2011 has been an interesting year for the Village of Minoa.

We will be starting our annual budget process in February. We are working with every Department Head, to find ways to maintain our Village services and trim cost where necessary. We have been very lucky with the weather thus far and hope this will continue throughout the winter season.

It is a pleasure preparing the Minoa News and being able to communicate and update our residents on the events that are occurring in Minoa. In the New Year I will continue to work hard and resolve issues in a thoughtful and responsible manner and always communicate with you.

I welcome your input and comments and encourage attendance at our Board meetings which are held on the first and third Monday of each month. I can be reached by email at [wbrazill@villageofminoa.com](mailto:wbrazill@villageofminoa.com)

As always, I will continue to be fiscally responsible and always look for more efficient ways to run our government. As your Deputy Mayor, I will continue to work hard and resolve the issues that face our Village. Have a safe winter season!!!!



**Ronald L. Cronk**  
Trustee

The time has come for me to retire from my political life in Minoa. My tenure has been a good ride. I was in office from 1970-1974 and then ran and was elected again in 1992 and will finish March 31, 2012--24 years total. I have many people to thank. I have great respect for the Firemen and Ambulance crews and I have tried not to deny them anything they needed to save lives and property.

Heavens Pantry was not only my responsibility but a great interest to my wife and I. We volunteered there for many years. The Golden Age Club and the Library have been another of my obligations. My thanks go to Steve Giarrusso and the team at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and their continuing fight for clean water. The Department of Public Works, under the supervision of Tom Petterelli, has been a pleasure and honor to work with. It is amazing what such a small crew can accomplish. The office girls need a lot of kudos for all they do. I like to call them our go-to girls because they are the ones we, as well as the general public, go to for information we need. They are not as visual as other departments, but without them the village would not operate as smoothly.

I also want to thank all the Mayors and Trustees that I have worked for and with. It has been a good learning experience. Last but not least, I want to thank all the voters that have put their trust in me and voted to place me in office. It is my hope that you will continue to vote for the best persons and encourage your neighbors to vote also.

May God be with all of us.

## *A Word from your Trustees*



**Eric S. Christensen**  
Trustee

It's hard to believe that 2011 is already behind us now and were into 2012. I am nearing two years of service as a Trustee for our village.

Some of my responsibilities as your village trustee include the sign in Lewis Park which lets the village residents know when certain events are coming up. Celebrations along with Deputy Mayor Brazill and Trustee Champagne. Also Department of Public Works which includes garbage pickup & disposal and recycling along with Trustee Cronk.

I am also your representative on the Town of Manlius Police Committee. Where I work with our local law enforcement agency to help keep our village a safe place to live and raise our families. If there is interest in holding a "neighborhood" meeting with the Town of Manlius Police or if you have concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am also the board's liaison to the village's historical society. We are also asking for photos, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, or any other documents pertaining to Minoa's history. We need the help of Village residents to preserve our history for the next generation. Please contact me by email at [echristensen@villageofminoa.com](mailto:echristensen@villageofminoa.com) or contact the Village office at 315-656-3100.

2012 promises to be another year full of challenges, but also full of opportunities that will make our village an even better place to live and raise our families. As always we welcome residents to attend our village board meetings. As one of your trustees, my goal is to continue to find ways to save our village money without compromising service to the residents and to preserve the integrity of our village.



**John H. Champagne**  
Trustee

2011 certainly has continued to bring a lot of challenges for the whole country and for the Village of Minoa. We as a village board will continue to seek new and efficient alternative ways to run the village and still be able to keep all of the same services at the least amount of cost for the residents. We continue to make great strides in our Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF) with the help from ESM High School students and SUNY ESF.

I would like to say Congratulations to Steve Giarrusso, Village of Minoa Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Cleanwater Education and Research Facility for being selected to receive the prestigious William D. Hatfield Award for 2011 from New York Water Environment Association.

My Village of Minoa responsibilities include: Wastewater Treatment Plant (CERF), Municipal building and grounds, website, Parks & Recreation, Easter Egg Hunt, Minoa Days Festival, Halloween Party and the Emergency Disaster Preparedness Planner for my Departments.

I would welcome any suggestions or comments you think will help our community be a better place to live and you can contact me at [jchampagne@villageofminoa.com](mailto:jchampagne@villageofminoa.com) I hope everyone has a safe and healthy New Year.

## *Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed*



The Minoa Fire Department installed new officers in January. They are as follows:

Chief – Matthew McGarrity	President – Dennis Erard
Deputy Chief – Jeremy Erard	Vice President – John Jarmacz
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief – Erich Schepp	Treasurer – Al Tompkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief – Richard Sabin	Secretary – Wendy Czajak
Capt. Station 1 – Dave Hess	
Capt. Station 2 – Chuck Spratt	
Lieutenant Stat. 1 – Brad Cretaro and Nick Carulli	
Lieutenant Stat. 2 – Mike Nesci	

## *Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer*



**Lisa L. DeVona**  
Clerk / Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know the time table for the Village Budget process which begins in the first quarter of the calendar year.

The village budgeting process begins early February and continues until adoption of the budget no later than May 1. This is a very lengthy and involved process involving submission of budget estimates by departments, preparation and filing of the tentative budget, presentation of the tentative budget to the Village Board, public hearing on the tentative budget and finally adoption of the budget.

Special budget work sessions will be held at the Municipal Building on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Village Election**

The Village election this year is on March 20, 2012, Noon – 9:00 pm at the Municipal Building (Golden Age Room) on 240 N. Main Street. The following offices will be filled and the terms of each are as follows:

Mayor (one) – Four year term  
Trustees (two) – Four year terms each



## *A Reminder to all Owners of Rental Properties*

Chapter 120 of the Code of the Village of Minoa requires that all rental properties be registered before it is occupied. If you have not registered your rental property, please contact the Village Office at (315) 656-3100 and request a Registration Form.

## **DOG OWNERS CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

### **STEPPING IN DOG WASTE CAN BE A NASTY EXPERIENCE.**

Even worse is the knowledge that dog waste may be polluting our drinking water, local swimming areas, and favorite lake fishing areas.

### **WHY ALL THE FUSS?**

Because pet waste pollutes local water resources and can be a significant public health risk! When rain or snowmelt flows over land surfaces it carries pet waste to stormdrains, which eventually flow into nearby lakes, streams, and wetlands. The polluted runoff contains harmful bacteria and nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen and can make lakes and streams unsafe for drinking and swimming. Microorganisms found in the dog waste can cause human diseases and health problems from roundworms, Giardia and Salmonella, viruses, and parasites. Nitrogen and phosphorus from the waste will also promote the growth of unwanted algae and rooted aquatic plants in lakes and streams.

**DOG OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS IN ORDER TO PROTECT LOCAL WATER RESOURCES.**

Scooping your dog's waste isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you; it also keeps our water resources safe. Here are a few tips on how dog owners can protect local water resources and recreation areas.

Always bring a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog.



Use the bag like a glove, pick up the pet waste, turn the bag inside out, and seal it. Place the bag in the trash, or flush the un-bagged waste down the toilet. Homeowners with large yards can also bury the dog waste in a hole at least 5 inches deep and away from vegetable gardens and waterways.

### **NEVER PLACE THE DOG WASTE (BAGGED OR UN-BAGGED) IN THE STORM DRAIN!**

Storm drains lead directly to streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands. And remember...dog waste is only one of many pollutants that impact local waterways. Community members are also encouraged to reduce runoff containing lawn fertilizers, motor oil, driveway sand and salt, and yard waste such as grass clippings and leaves.

**ONE DAY'S WASTE FROM A LARGE DOG CAN CONTAIN 7.8 BILLION FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.** Pet waste pollutes our rivers, lakes, and streams. If you think picking up dog waste is unpleasant, try swimming in it.

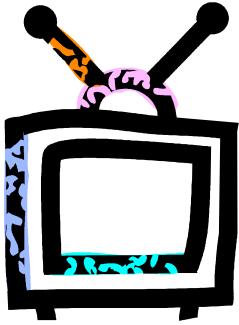
This fact sheet was created by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board as part of a public stormwater education program jointly funded by the following municipalities: the Towns of Camillus, Clay, Dewitt, Geddes, LaFayette, Lysander, Manlius, Marcellus, Onondaga, Salina, Sullivan, Van Buren, Hastings, Cicero, West Monroe, and Pompey, the Villages of Baldwinsville, East Syracuse, Phoenix, Fayetteville, Manlius, Marcellus, Minoa, North Syracuse, Solvay, the City of Syracuse, and Madison and Onondaga Counties.





## Electronics Recycling Law

New York State recently passed a **law** on electronics (e-waste) disposal. This Extended Producer Responsibility Law makes household, school and small business e-waste a free item to recycle, if the items are taken back through a manufacturer designated recycling program.



The Village of Minoa is a designated site. Leave your E Waste out on trash day or bring it down to the DPW for disposal.

Under this law, e-waste includes:

- **Televisions** (as well as cathode ray tubes)
- **Computers**
- **Computer Peripherals\*** (Monitors, Keyboards, Mice or Similar Pointing Devices, Facsimile Machines, Document Scanners, Printers)
- **Small Electronic Equipment\*** (VCRs, Digital Video Recorders, Portable Digital Music Players, DVD Players, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable or Satellite Receivers, Electronic or Video Game Consoles, etc.)

## *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., at (315)656-7574 or by email at [minoapdw@twcny.rr.com](mailto:minoapdw@twcny.rr.com)

### **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.

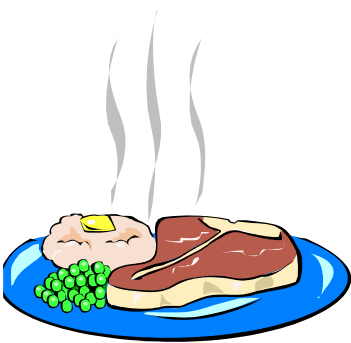


## A Word from the Minoa Ambulance

Executive Director Minoa Ambulance – Albert Kalfass

As The Village of Minoa and WAVES continue working together in Minoa in proving your community ambulance service, we'd like to share some news and introduce our service to the community on a more personal level. We are pleased to announce that we have a new full time employee. Minoa resident Jeremy Erard accepted a position with us just this past week. Jeremy is certainly no stranger to public safety or the Minoa community, being a member of the fire department for a number of years now. We are fortunate that he so willingly shares his knowledge of Minoa and its history with all of our staff.

There's also a new vehicle, and a new face in Minoa. You may have already seen the white Ford Explorer designated as Minoa MD1. This vehicle, which originally was a Minoa Fire Department vehicle, has been re-purposed for the new Medical Director of the Minoa Ambulance, Naveen Seth, M.D. Dr. Seth is an Emergency Physician who provides a hands-on approach to our medical oversight. He assists the providers on scene with patient care and is able to provide direct orders for medications that would otherwise take some time to obtain. He brings his wealth of knowledge and emergency room experience to our training sessions, as well as working with providers one on one to increase and improve their skills and abilities. He reviews calls on a daily basis to help insure that the providers are meeting our standard of care. His truly interactive role in the agency benefits not only the providers for whom he is responsible, but the community we serve. So, don't be surprised if the next time your hear the knock at the door and someone announcing the arrival of the Minoa Ambulance you look up and see a physician standing side by side with the EMT's and Paramedics. Dr. Seth is a part of your community ambulance service, too.



### STEAK DINNER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR YOU!  
246-248 EAST AVENUE  
MINOA, NY 13116  
TELEPHONE 656-7532

SATURDAY February 4, 2012 4:30-7:00 P.M.

ADULTS - \$12.00 SENIORS - \$10.00

CHILDREN AGE 12 & UNDER - \$5.00

#### MENU

10-12 oz. CHARCOAL GRILLED STRIP STEAK  
Cooked to order  
SALAD BAR, BAKED POTATO, ROLL  
HOME MADE DESSERT, AND BEVERAGE

CHILDREN NOT WANTING STEAK  
will receive a Free Hot Dog or Hamburger Meal

TAKE OUT DINNERS AVAILABLE  
(Please bring your own container)

EVERYONE WELCOME-HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
ADVANCE SALE TICKETS - 656-3949  
"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS AND SERVING HANDS"

## Calendar of Events

### February 2012

- 2/01/12 Sewer Billing
- 2/06/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 2/08/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 2/09/12 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 2/12/12 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 2/20/12 Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 2/21/12 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 2/29/12 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building

### March 2012

- 3/04/12 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm -Municipal Building
- 3/05/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/07/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/07/12 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/08/12 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 3/14/12 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/19/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/20/12 Village Elections – Municipal Building – 12:00pm – 9:00pm
- 3/21/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building

### April 2012

- 4/01/12 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/02/12 Annual Organizational Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/02/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/04/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/06/12 Good Friday Holiday for Village Employees –Village Office Closes at Noon
- 4/07/12 Village Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am – Lewis Park – Ages 10 & Under
- 4/12/12 Planning Board Meeting –7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 4/16/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/18/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building

\*Golden Age Club meets every Thursday

