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## News from the Mayor

Another whole year has passed and what a year it's been. This month marks the end of the Village of Minoa's Centennial Year. The year that started with the Centennial Celebration in January, followed by the Centennial of the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department in April, our largest ever Easter Egg Hunt, the Firemen's County Convention being held here in June as part of the Centennial, Cruisin' in Minoa/Classic Cars on Friday nights which were combined with eight live band concerts culminating with the first ever Fall Festival in the Park.

All of these activities would not have been possible without the efforts of many volunteers, staff and Board members, especially Deputy Mayor Bill Brazill who is in charge of celebrations, and the financial support of several businesses.

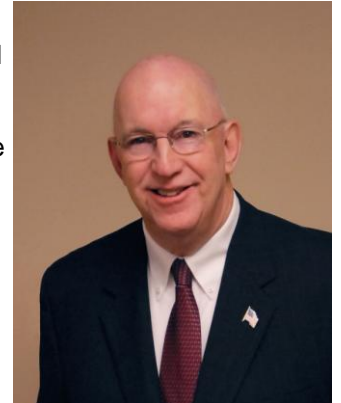
We hope to expand on these Village activities this year which will hopefully include a 5K run as part of the Fall Festival. The planning is already underway for this year, anyone interested in getting involved please contact our office at 656-3100 to volunteer and/or to help sponsor one of the events.

Our DPW under the direction of Tom Petterelli built a new salt shed in house saving the village over \$100,000 in bonding for a commercial product. They also designed and built our flower benches that we have throughout the village while fulfilling the rest of their job duties. The Waste Water Treatment Plant under the direction of Steve Giarrusso and Trustee John Champagne continue to work on the CERF project with the help of interns from ESM and SUNY ESF which is developing innovative technology which is also saving money in the operation of the plant. The ESM part of the project will grow flowers to be used throughout the village next year grown in a greenhouse at the plant heated by a compost pile. The compost pile is also supplemented by food waste from Minoa Elementary and Woodland Elementary collected by the students, saving our school system money while providing more heat value in the compost.

The year also welcomed a new business Knights Delights Ice Cream owned by resident Greg Walker. Dynamax Digital Printing Inc. owned by Gale Greiner. A change in ownership in our beloved Peg and Chuck Greens Hardware has now become Greiner's Hardware under the ownership of Village residents Bob and Mary Greiner. Reminder, buy local, it's in all our best interest.

From a personal stand point I was elected by my peers in May as President of NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) which represents 581 Cities and Villages in the state including New York City. What a tremendous personal honor, but one I share with my Board, Staff and the citizens of Minoa, because we present ourselves at the state level as a hardworking, involved, innovative team.

The awards we have won as a village have been awards of accomplishment by a team, not an individual, which is a reflection on all of us and should be a source of pride for each of you as a resident. In my induction speech at the Annual Mayors Conference my theme was "it's not about me, it's about us". A message I'm trying, in my term of office, to spread across the state.



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## Continued Mayor's Message.

Our state and federal leaders need to start thinking about why they are in office; their elected by the people to represent the people and some have lost their way. The big government leaders say we need less government, and their right, but isn't it ironic that the only place things really get done is at the local level.

When I host visitors from other municipalities, other states and yes, other countries, they all comment on what a beautiful village we have. That doesn't happen by accident, "it takes a Village" all of us working together to make Minoa a great community to raise a family and to call home.

On behalf of the Village Board and my staff we wish you all a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Richard J. Donovan, Mayor



## ***Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed***

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

Chief – Erich Schepp	President – Dennis Erard
Deputy Chief – Jeremy Erard	Vice President – Pat Flannery
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief – Dave Hess	Treasurer – Al Tompkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief – Richard Sabin	Secretary – Wendy Czajak
Captain - Station 1 – Scot Garland	
Captain - Station 2 – Chuck Spratt	
Lieutenant Station 1 – Dave Matthes Jr. and Joe Hanover	
Lieutenant Station 2 – Mike Nesci and Nick Carulli	

Congratulations!!!!

## 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 your Trustees*



**William F. Brazill**  
Deputy Mayor

It is an honor to serve as your Deputy Mayor and 2013 has been an exciting year for the Village of Minoa.

In 2013 we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Village. We began the year with a celebration and open house in the Municipal Building and ended with our first ever Festival in the Park. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival in the Park will also include a 5K run this year. Look for details to follow in future newsletters.

I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped to put on these events and also especially my brother J. Brazill who organized and was able to get over 14 bands to play that day free of charge. I would also like to thank Greg Rinaldi of Trappers Family of Restaurants and Superior Seal for his help and donation for that spectacular fireworks display.

It has been an exciting year in Minoa. Once again we had new businesses open this year. We now have over 22 businesses in our Village. (See a list of businesses on page 5 in this newsletter)

I'm really excited for the New Year. We will continue to make the Village of Minoa a great place to live and raise a family. Watch for exciting details of all of our events this year. Come out and enjoy your Village.

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 great year!!!!



**John H. Champagne**  
Trustee

I will as your Village Trustee continue to seek innovate and alternative ways to operate the Village with the goal of keeping all of the same services. As other Towns and Villages have been forced to cut services and raise taxes, our Village, because of these innovative ideas that were initiated in 2013 have been able to keep all of our services without having to raise taxes to Village residents. We are continuing to make great strides in our research in contaminate removals in our water for improving the health of future generations, new methods to produce energy to cut the cost of Village operations, and agricultural research with our Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF) with the help from ESM High School students and Suny ESF.

Starting in 2014 the Village has secured a Grant from New York State's Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to research the unique ability of the Minoa Treatment plant to remove pharmaceuticals. The Village will be doing research in turning its biosolids waste into energy which will be used to fuel its pickup trucks and used to generate electricity. A greenhouse setting has been built in a donated shed that uses no energy for heat and will be operated and monitored with the help of ESM students. This will be the first of its kind in New York to produce plants and flowers in the winter making it very cost affective to do in the long winter months.

ESM students have built biological reactors to clean the water to grow plants in an aquaponics setting and raising fish in a closed loop system. These are just a few of the innovative ideas being instituted here in your Village to help you and help educate your children.

My Village of Minoa responsibilities include: Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF), Security Camera Systems, Communications, Web-Site, Celebrations, and Emergency Disaster Preparedness Planner.

I would welcome any suggestions or comments you think well help our community be a better place to live. I can be reached at [jchampagne@villageofminoa.com](mailto:jchampagne@villageofminoa.com)

## *A Word from your Trustees*



**John M. Abbott**  
Trustee

2013 was a very good year for us in Minoa we had a lot of things happen in our village. Like our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in January, Cruisin' in Minoa at Lewis Park on Friday nights with live music and our Festival in the Park event in September. It was great for me being able to share it with my family, friends and the residents of the Village of Minoa!

Our Fire Department has newly elected officer's, let's all wish them well and remember they are volunteer's and are always here to help when you need it most. As a Village Trustee I work with the Town of Manlius Police Department, please remember they are here to "protect and serve" and also help with parades, inspections of infant car seats, working with children in the schools & many other community events.

There were a few new businesses that opened in the Village this year and we wish them well; Parkway Liquors, Knights Delights Ice Cream, Greiner's Hardware and Dynamax Digital Printing Inc. We as village residents should help support our local businesses when we can. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [jabbott@villageofminoa.com](mailto:jabbott@villageofminoa.com) or 656-3100. Hope everyone has a Happy, Healthy, and Safe 2014!

It's hard to believe that 2013 is now behind us, it certainly has brought a lot of challenges for the entire country and for our Village of Minoa. Some of my Village of Minoa responsibilities as your village trustee include assisting with Celebrations along with the Director of Celebrations, Deputy Mayor Brazill and fellow Trustee's Abbott and Champagne.

I am also the board liaison to the Department of Public Works which includes garbage pickup, disposal and recycling and also the Village Historical Association. The Historical Association is always looking for photographs, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, or any other interesting things or documents pertaining to history of Minoa. We need the help of Village residents to preserve our history for the next generation.

2014 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. I look forward for the Village holding their second annual Festival in the Park this coming September we are also adding a 5K and kids run so if interested in either volunteer or running in it please contact me via my village email. Once again my goal as your village trustee 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.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy 2014. Once again any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 656-3100 or by email at [echristensen@villageofminoa.com](mailto:echristensen@villageofminoa.com)



**Eric S. Christensen**  
Trustee



## ***Village Business Directory***

**Remember to support our local businesses.**

<i>ACTION TOP SOIL</i>	<i>6320 COSTELLO PKWY.</i>	<i>656-4343</i>
<i>BOTTLE RETURN</i>	<i>330 COSTELLO PKWY.</i>	<i>439-3828</i>
<i>CHARLIE'S TAVERN</i>	<i>115 S.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-9884</i>
<i>COLONIAL LAUNDROMAT</i>	<i>328 COSTELLO PKWY</i>	<i>656-3321</i>
<i>D&amp;S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</i>	<i>359 S.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-2533</i>
<i>DEB'S HOUSE OF STYLE</i>	<i>237 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>243-2012</i>
<i>DeCAROLIS TRUCK RENTAL</i>	<i>402 N. CENTRAL AVE.</i>	<i>656-0090</i>
<i>DR. RICHARD LEVY-DENTIST</i>	<i>109 EDGERTON ST</i>	<i>656-7600</i>
<i>DYNAMAX DIGITAL PRINTING, INC.</i>	<i>112 WILLARD ST</i>	<i>503-3048</i>
<i>GREINER'S HARDWARE</i>	<i>208 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-3009</i>
<i>HAPPY WOK</i>	<i>89 HULBERT ST</i>	<i>656-2228</i>
<i>JOHNNIE O'S 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLE</i>	<i>132 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-9800</i>
<i>JP MORGAN CHASE BANK</i>	<i>249 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-4183</i>
<i>KNIGHTS DELIGHTS ICE CREAM</i>	<i>110 HULBERT ST</i>	
<i>LOUIE C'S</i>	<i>237 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-3586</i>
<i>PARKWAY LIQUOR</i>	<i>93 HULBERT ST</i>	<i>627-0369</i>
<i>PARKWAY PIZZA</i>	<i>332 COSTELLO PKWY.</i>	<i>656-9000</i>
<i>PAVE THE WAY DAYCARE</i>	<i>610 N.CENTRAL AVE.</i>	<i>751-7283</i>
<i>SCOTTY'S AUTOMOTIVE</i>	<i>520 N.CENTRAL</i>	<i>656-9115</i>
<i>STENUF LAW OFFICE</i>	<i>141 N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-8743</i>
<i>SUBURBAN PROPANE</i>	<i>320 N.CENTRAL AVE.</i>	<i>656-3231</i>
<i>SUNSHINE FOOD MARKET</i>	<i>91 HULBERT ST</i>	<i>656-3500</i>
<i>THE CROSSINGS</i>	<i>217 EAST AVE.</i>	<i>656-7277</i>
<i>TRAPPERS II</i>	<i>101N.MAIN ST</i>	<i>656-7777</i>





**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Opening of Greiner's Hardware.**

*(L to R) Richard Greene, Codes Officer, Bill Brazill, Deputy Mayor, Bob and Mary Greiner, Dick Donovan, Mayor and Resident, Fran Andrus*



ESM Intern students participating in the Minoa Cleanwater Educational Research Facility under the guidance of teachers Pam and John Harrington and our WWTP Staff.



City of Syracuse Highland Pipe Band Performing this summer at Lewis Park.



Flame thrower performs during the First Annual Festival in the Park.



Our new Salt Shed was completed this year by the Minoa DPW. Saving the Village of Minoa over \$100,000 compared to commercial structures.

## ***Village Budget***

The village budgeting process begins on February 8<sup>th</sup> and continues until adoption of the budget no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 then finally, adoption of the budget.

Special budget meetings will be held in the Municipal Building on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

## ***General Village Election***

The Village election this year is on March 18, 2014 from Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on 240 N. Main Street. The last day for an individual to file an independent nominating petition for an office to be filled at the general village election is February 11, 2014. The following offices will be filled and the terms of each are as follows:

Village Justice (one) – Four year term  
Trustees (two) – Four year terms each

If you should have any questions regarding the above or any other topic, please feel free to call the Village Office at (315) 656-3100.

## ***Business Listings on our Web Site***

To have your Minoa area business listed on our web site please fill out the information you would like to include and submit the form on our Web Site under Local Businesses

Village Website  
[www.villageofminoa.com](http://www.villageofminoa.com)

## ***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.**

**Remember that from November 1, 2013 through April 15, 2014 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.**

## ***Calendar of Events***

### **January 2014**

- 1/1/14 New Years Day – Village Office Closed  
1/2/14 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building  
1/5/14 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building  
1/6/14 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
1/8/14 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building  
1/15/14 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist  
1/16/14 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)  
1/20/14 Martin Luther King Day-Village Office Closed  
1/21/14 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
1/22/14 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building  
1/25/14 STEAK DINNER 4:30 – 7:00 pm Minoa Methodist Church 656-7532  
\*Golden Age meets every Thursday

### **February 2014**

- 2/02/14 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building  
2/03/14 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
2/03/14 Sewer Billing  
2/06/14 \*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building  
2/11/14 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building  
2/12/14 Justice Court – 5:00 pm Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building  
2/13/14 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)  
2/17/14 Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
2/18/14 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
2/19/14 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building  
2/19/14 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church  
2/25/14 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building

\*Golden Age meets every Thursday

### **March 2014**

- 3/02/14 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm -Municipal Building  
3/03/14 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
3/05/14 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building  
3/06/14 \*Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building  
3/14/14 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)  
3/17/14 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building  
3/18/14 Village Election  
3/19/14 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building  
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