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News from the Mayor

We are so lucky to have been spared the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. As your Mayor I can tell you as a village we were prepared for the worst. We had several staff meetings the week before the storm was to arrive. Fire and ambulance crews were on standby at both stations. Our DPW worked tirelessly to get as many leaves off the streets and out of storm drains as humanly possible and our waste water facility was also prepared to handle the extra water expected. I would like to applaud our residents for not putting their trash out that night and most of you heeded the warning about outside furniture and decorations, all of which can be projectiles in a heavy wind event. Anyone wishing to help those less fortunate than us are asked to do so through the American Red Cross. You can donate directly on their website to the disaster relief effort.



In contrast, what a great summer, I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy one of the best summers in recent memory for planning and having outdoor activities. Village activities with only a couple exceptions were held without weather interference. The firemen's field days and the Wounded Warrior Ride (Minoa Days) were unfortunately the exceptions because of the rain. Our Farmers Market did not get off the ground because of the lack of rain which created late and reduced crops. On the positive side our concerts and the movies in the park and our new Friday night activity "Crusin' in the Park" were successfully held.

The good weather and with the use of our staff and collaborative efforts with municipalities we saw many cost saving ventures come to fruition. Several paving projects were done this summer under the direction of DPW Superintendent Tom Petterelli which the majority of the paving was done with a collaborative effort with the Town of Manlius Highway Department. Village signs that had to be replaced were produced in another collaborative effort at the Town of Manlius sign shop at a much reduced cost. Village trucks and manpower supported paving and other efforts in Fayetteville and the Town. Sewer cameras of different sizes were traded back in forth between Minoa and Fayetteville, saving the costs of buying and/or renting needed equipment for both villages.

A much needed salt shed is currently being erected by our DPW staff rather than purchase a commercial version at an estimated savings of \$80,000. The sewer plant has finally received its new CNG (compressed natural gas) pick-up truck with plow along with an overnight fill station. The cost of the conversion for the truck and the fill station was covered with a grant for \$25,508 from NYSERDA. Depending on the performance of the vehicle we will be looking at converting additional equipment to compressed natural gas. So far the road performance is 18 miles to a gallon and the CNG equivalent of a gallon of gas is \$1.49 per gallon, again another substantial savings. The lack of bad weather last spring allowed our DPW staff to replace kitchen cabinets at Minoa Fire Station Two and constructed a bunk room and training room in the municipal building again saving money.

Next year is the 100th Anniversary for the village as well as the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department. Plans are being made for village activities which will start with an **Community Birthday Celebration at the Municipal Building on January 25, 2013 - Please save the date!** We have a great community, plan to come and enjoy our past and participate in an event that will initiate the start of our future.

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Mayor's Message - continued

Last but not least we have finally received the final approval from the Environmental Facilities Corporation for a Green Innovation Grant in the amount of \$563,886.00. This grant will be used to further enhance the development of innovative technologies used in conjunction with our CERF project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The long term goal is to become a sustainable facility using human and other waste material while delivering clean water back into our environment. There will be further updates as the project progresses throughout the next year.

On behalf of the Village Board and our staff we hope you have a great fall and a safe and joyous Holiday season.

Mayor Dick Donovan

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.**

Trash and yard waste and miscellaneous debris should be in compliance with the curbside collection policy. Just a reminder, trash and yard waste are better left in piles near the road. **Do not put yard waste in plastic or garbage bags and do not place in the roadway.**

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

Remember that from November 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013 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.



The Grand Opening of Pave the Way Daycare



A ribbon cutting ceremony took place from L to R Deputy Mayor Bill Brazill, Ali Wood, Joanne Wood, Jamie Landry and Mayor Dick Donovan. Pave the Way Daycare welcomes children from 18 months to 4 years old and is located at 610 N. Central Ave in Minoa. For more information visit their website at pavethewaydaycare.com or call 751-7283.



Annual Tree Lighting

The Village of Minoa's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place December 2, 2012. 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. *FOOD DRIVE* – The Heaven's Pantry will be accepting non-perishable food items at the Fire House throughout the ceremony. Please help those in need for the holidays.



Trappers II Village Appreciation Night

Friday, December 7, 2013, 4:30pm – 10:30 pm. 10% of all proceeds go to the Village of Minoa 100-Year Celebration Fund. Please come out to support Trappers II and the Village of Minoa.

Annual Santa Express

The Fire Trucks will be going out on Sunday, December 23, 2012 carrying Santa's helpers throughout the Village and the Fire District. They will leave the Fire Station at approximately 9:00 am. Santa and his helpers will be giving out candy canes to children of all ages.



On October 22nd the Village of Minoa took delivery of our new Pumper, Engine 11. This will replace our current Engine 11 which we've had for over 24 years. Its capacity is 1,500 gallons of water and 30 gallons of fire retardant foam.

Save the Date January 25th 2013

***Village of Minoa and the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department
Will be Celebrating their 100th Anniversary***

Plans are being made for a village party which will start with a **Community Birthday Celebration at the Municipal Building**

Watch for details in the mail and on the Village web site

www.villageofminoa.com

A Word from the Minoa Ambulance

Executive Director Minoa Ambulance – Albert Kalfass

A Fall & Injury Prevention Program will enable MINOA/WAVES providers to do home inspections within the Minoa community on request.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THIS FREE SERVICE!!!!

One of every three adults over the age of 65 falls each year resulting in severe injuries, sometimes even death. In New York State, falls of individuals over 65 account for 90,237 ER visits resulting in \$92 million in immediate costs and \$1.1 billion in hospitalization. In Central New York alone, hospitalization costs were \$54 million and ER costs were \$5.4 million.

Falls are the leading cause of trauma-related death for this age group, accounting for 58% of unintentional injury-related deaths. These types of injuries can be one of the most preventable causes of death. Based upon these statistics, MINOA / WAVES Ambulance have launched a pro-active program in Central New York to combat this problem in elderly individuals' homes.

The Fall & Injury Prevention Program will enable MINOA / WAVES providers to do home inspections within the Minoa community on request. Providers will help identify hazards and mitigate them through a variety of simple home improvements. These will include highlighting the edges of steps, rerouting or securing lamp cords, securing throw rugs, securing hand rails, etc.

The program is provided free to residents. For more information, contact Program Coordinator Daniel Taylor at DTaylor@WAVESAmbulance.com or (315) 396-2933.



Calendar of Events

December 2012

- 12/02/12 Children's Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – Minoa Fire Department
- 12/02/12 Tree Lighting Ceremony – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/02/12 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/03/12 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 12/03/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/06/12 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 12/12/12 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/17/12 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 12/19/12 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church
- 12/20/12 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 12/22/12 Boy Scout Troop - Luminary Delivery
- 12/23/12 Santa Express - by the Minoa Fire Dept – 9:00 am
- 12/24/12 Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 12/25/12 Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed

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

