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### News from the Mayor

After the longest, hardest winter we've seen in many years, we're finally starting to see some warmer temperatures! In addition to the long-awaited and much needed sunshine, this time of year also brings us to the end of another very tough budget process. I'm proud to announce that we're not raising taxes, despite efforts at the State level to get us to do so. Governor Cuomo would like us to raise your taxes, only so the state can turn around and issue you a check to cover the increase. The catch is that the subsidy would only last two years, but the tax increase would be permanent. For a Governor who claims to want to lower taxes, this short-term, feel-good approach would have costly, long-term consequences.



The Village of Minoa, like our neighboring Villages, is facing ever-increasing challenges in the face of cuts in State aid. While we desperately need an *increase* in state aid to address the deteriorating condition of our aging infrastructure, we get cuts and political rhetoric. As an example, we currently receive \$31,000 in Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) aid for the fiscal year, and we have a much needed paving project in the works. However, the soft costs alone (bidding, engineering etc.) are over \$60,000, and the project itself will cost \$600,000 to complete. As you can see, state aid doesn't even cover the soft costs, which leaves us with three options:

- 1. Don't do anything, and allow the road to further deteriorate, which will make the inevitable fix even more expensive;
- 2. Put off a full repair and do a temporary fix that will cost around \$50,000.
- 3. Pass the cost of the project on to you, the taxpayer.

None of those seem like good options, and yet the State continues to hand out millions of dollars for special projects and ignores our infrastructure, leaving us and our neighboring Villages in a very difficult situation. There really is no such thing as a free lunch.

Along the same lines, our Waste Water Treatment plant has suffered as the State continues to ignore our infrastructure. Despite all the innovation that has taken place in that area, we are forced to raise our sewer rent for the first time since the mid-nineties. The new rate will be \$145 bi-annually for a total of \$290 per year. In comparison to the county rate of \$358 and the City of Syracuse at \$362, it's still a bargain, and to have gone almost 20 years without an increase indicates the tremendous job being done by the Waste Water Treatment department.

To help our budget stretch a little farther, our DPW staff does a considerable amount of work in-house that most municipalities have to farm out. They also work with the Town and our sister Villages on big projects just to survive. To that end, I thank my staff and board members for doing a great job and providing great services without raising taxes.

The State continues to hand down unfunded mandates, leaving local municipalities to pick up the tab. For more information and education on some of these unfunded mandates that make government more expensive, please visit <u>www.nycom.org</u>. We need your participation and support.

Mayor Richard J. Donovan

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#### Minoa News

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### Continued Mayor's Message.

It is a challenge every year to come up with a manageable budget, but we will continue to do everything we can to continue to provide the best possible services to you. Please reach out to our State representatives and tell them that your village and the services it provides are important to you. Tell them that villages are the backbone for growth at the local level, and that the State needs to support our infrastructure.

On a happier note, please check out the events that will be taking place throughout the summer at Lewis Park which include our Second Annual Fall Festival. Under the direction of Deputy Mayor Bill Brazill with help from our Board, staff and the generous donations of time and money from our sponsors, bands, Hope for Heather organization and many volunteers, we have a wonderful summer of activities planned for your enjoyment. Please save the schedule we've included with this newsletter and come out to Lewis Park to enjoy the activities as well as the company of your neighbors.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and my staff, have a fun, safe and enjoyable summer.

Mayor Donovan

# MINOA FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIELD DAYS

### Hosting the 115<sup>th</sup> O.C.V.F.A. 2014 Convention at Lewis Park

Thursday, May 29

Kiddie Parade – 5:30pm Men's 2 ½" Pushball – 6pm Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person - 6pm – 10pm

Entertainment - DJ - ROCKIN ROB - 7pm - 11pm

### Friday, May 30

Men's 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" Pushball – 6pm Junior's 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"Pushball – 5:30pm Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person - 6pm – 10pm

Band – RHYTHM METHOD– 7pm – 11:30pm

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR – 10pm

### Saturday, May 31

10am – O.C.V.F.A. Firematic Races Hawkins Ride Special \$18.00 wristband per person – 1pm – 5pm & 6pm – 10pm Hawkins Super Mega Wristband - \$28.00 per person

6pm – GRAND PARADE

Band – UNDER THE GUN – 7pm – 11:30pm



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# A Word from the Department of Public Works



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 instead of rows. Do not put yard waste in plastic or garbage bags and do not place in the roadway.

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

Neighbors should call the Codes Enforcement Officer at (315) 656-3100 or the DPW at (315) 656-7574 to report any violators.

Remember; do not place trash or debris curbside for pick-up until noon the day before your scheduled pick-up day!

### **Emerald Ash Borer**

The Emerald Ash Borer is a destructive beetle from Asia. As of May 1, 2013 most of Onondaga County is currently under quarantine to slow the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Please visit the following web sites to learn more about what to do if you have an ash tree on your property.

http://www.extendonondaga.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/09/EABisHereANDashIDEABID.pdf

http://www.extendonondaga.org/natural-resources/invasivespecies/terrestrial-animals/eab/

# **Electronics Recycling Law**

New York State recently passed a <u>law</u> 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.)



# CRUISIN' IN MINOA AT LEWIS PARK







EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT STARTING MAY 16, 2014 5:30 - 8:30PM ALL TYPES OF CARS ARE WELCOME ANTIQUE, CLASSICS AND STREET RODS THIS YEAR LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 6:30 pm May 16 – Jeff Hinman July 4 – No Show (Holiday) May 23 – The Other Guise July 11 – Dan Elliott and the Monterays May 30 – Minoa Field Days July 18 – No Show (The Nationals) June 6 – Hodson & Donelan July 25 – The Rhythm Method June 13 – Bright Lights & Country Music Aug. 1 – The Coachman June 20 – Pigeon Post String Band Aug.8 – Big D Trio June 27 – I Am Fool Aug.15 – Jeff Hinman Aug. 22 – Mood Swing 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival in the Park September 13, 2014 FOOD AND SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED CHECK OUR WEB SITE FOR BAND INFO, DETAILS, RAIN DATES OR CANCELLATIONS

WWW.VILLAGEOFMINOA.COM

# Dates to Remember

MINOA DAYS
Village of Minoa Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> – 8AM – 5PM
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2014 Onondaga County Health Department Rabies Shot Clinic
Thursday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> - 5PM - 7PM
Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive
Please keep your pets on a leash or in a carrier and keep them close to you. If possible bring your pets past rabies records.
New York State Public Health Law requires that all puppies and kittens get their first rabies shot at three months of age. They also need to get a booster shot at one year old and then again every three years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.



## VILLAGE OF MINOA CURBSIDE COLLECTION POLICY

The Village will pick up trash/garbage/recyclables/brush/wood/grass/leaves and hard fill generated in the Village only that is placed in neatly separated piles within 6 feet of the curb (not on road) noon on the day before the collection day. Any of the above listings put out any other time is prohibited.

### PICK UP GUIDELINES

**TRASH/GARBAGE:** Shall be placed in no more than 10 regulation containers or plastic bags, not weighing more than 75 pounds or what the bag will handle. Exceptions for furniture, dried paint cans with tops off, mattresses, neatly rolled rugs and miscellaneous odd size debris etc.

**RECYCLABLES:** Shall be in Onondaga County issued blue bins. Recyclables must be clean, sorted and separate from trash/garbage/brush etc. The last few pages of the phone book's yellow pages have all the current recycling information.

**BRUSH/WOOD:** Shall be piled, stacked or bundled neatly, not exceeding 5 feet wide and 10 feet long. Piles must be parallel with road and clear of any obstacles that would get in the way of pickup. Small hand piles must be in a paper yard bag or cardboard box. Any trash, metal, concrete etc. will not be picked up until separated.

*GRASS/LEAVES/YARD WASTE*: Shall be placed at the curb, separate from any other materials in a paper yard bag or cardboard box. No plastic bags, loose piles or mixed garbage will be accepted.

**METAL DEBRIS:** Shall be placed neatly at the curb separate of any other materials. Examples: Washers, dryers, hot water tanks, lawn mowers, posts, and rods clean of concrete etc. No refrigerators, air conditioners or dehumidifiers will be accepted.

HARD FILL: (Stone, concrete, rock, dirt etc.) shall be placed neatly at the curb separate from materials. No large or messy piles will be picked up.

*FALL LEAF COLLECTION:* Is the only time that leaves and grass can be put at the curb loose for pickup. Leaves/grass shall be placed at the curb clean of brush/branches and free of posts, poles or any objects in the way of pickup. No leaves on the road.

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** The Village will not accept tires, motor oil, liquid paint, large amounts of sheet rock, roofing shingles or any appliances containing refrigerant. (Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers etc.) Contact Operation Separation Hot Line at 453-2870 for disposal information.

Special requests for pickup at residences need to be approved by the Department of Public Works Superintendent before anything is put to the curb.

If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli, Superintendent of D.P.W., @ 656-7574.

Email - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

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# Message from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

Village Taxes are due by July 1, 2014 without penalty. There is a secure drop box located in the hallway outside of the Village Office for your convenience when the office is closed.

PENALTY SCHEDULE	PERCENT
June 1 – July 1, 2014	No Penalty
July 2 – July 31, 2014	5%
August 1 – August 15, 2014	6%
August 16 – September 2, 2014	6% + \$1.00
September 3 – September 30, 2014	7% + \$1.00
October 1 – October 31, 2014	8% + \$1.00
November 1 – November 20, 2014	14.45% + \$1.00 Payable to
	ONONDAGA COUNTY
	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

Payment and Penalty Schedule

Please visit our website at <u>www.villageofminoa.com</u> to review meeting minutes, calendar of events, photo gallery and utilize the forms available online. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call the village office at (315) 656-3100.

## **Summer Office Hours**

July 7<sup>th</sup> – September 26<sup>th</sup> Monday thru Thursday: 8:00am – 4:30pm Friday: 8:00am – 11:30am

Have a safe and happy summer!

# **Calendar of Events**

## June 2014

- 6/01/14 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting 6:00 pm Municipal Building
- 6/02/14 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building
- 6/02/14 Village Tax Bills Levied
- 6/04/14 Justice Court 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm Municipal Building
- 6/05/14 \*Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am Municipal Building
- 6/06/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Hodson & Donelan"
- 6/12/14 Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 6/13/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa–Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm–"Bright Lights & Country Music"
- 6/16/14 Village Board Meeting 12:00 pm Municipal Building
- 6/18/14 Food Pantry 10:00 11:00 am, 6:00 7:00 pm Minoa Methodist Church
- 6/18/14 Justice Court 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm Municipal Building
- 6/20/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Pigeon Post String Band"
- 6/27/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "I Am Fool"

### \*Golden Age Club meets every Thursday \* Cruisin' in Minoa is every Friday weather permitting

### July 2014

- 7/01/14 Village Tax Bills due without penalty
- 7/03/14 \*Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am Municipal Building
- 7/04/14 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday for Village Employees-Village Office Closed
- 7/07/14 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building
- 7/10/14 Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 7/11/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Dan Elliott & The Monterays"
- 7/12/14 Village Wide Garage Sales
- 7/16/14 Justice Court 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm Municipal Building
- 7/16/14 Food Pantry 10:00 11:00 am, 6:00 7:00 pm Minoa Methodist Church
- 7/21/14 Village Board Meeting 12:00 pm Municipal Building
- 7/25/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "The Rhythm Method"

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## August 2014

- 8/01/14 Sewer Billing
- 8/01/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "The Coachman"
- 8/04/14 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building
- 8/07/14 Onondaga Co. Health Dept. Rabies Clinic-DPW Garage-5:00pm-7:00pm
- 8/07/14 \*Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am Municipal Building
- 8/08/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Big D Trio"
- 8/14/14 Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 8/15/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Jeff Hinman"
- 8/18/14 Village Board Meeting 12:00 pm Municipal Building
- 8/20/14 Justice Court 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm Municipal Building
- 8/20/14 Food Pantry 10:00 11:00 am, 6:00 7:00 pm Minoa Methodist Church
- 8/22/14 \*Cruisin' in Minoa Lewis Park 5:00 8:30pm "Mood Swing"
- 8/29/14 Sewer Bills due without penalty

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