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The Village of Minooka

www.minooka.com



Memorial Day Parade

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

Lineup at 9:00 AM at Mission Bible Church
412 N. Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447

PARADE STARTS AT 10:00 AM
ending at Veterans Park with
Memorial Service immediately following

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*Sponsored by The American Legion Post #1188
If you would like to be in the Parade, please
contact Jeff Alexander (815) 822-5171*

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To Serve You Better
**Welcome to
Your Newsletter**

Mayor's Message

Hi Folks,

By the time you read this I hope it has dried up enough for your early garden and flowers to be in and looking good. School will soon be out, so be watchful for the younger ones as they scamper about. Try to remember the sunscreen when the good weather hits, and be kind to someone today, counting yourself.

Respectfully,

Ric Offerman, Village President



The Wyland Foundation is hosting My Water Pledge, a friendly competition between cities across the US to see who can be the most "water-wise." This year mayors from communities in the Grand Prairie

Water Commission encourage their residents to conserve water by taking a simple online pledge. Take the pledge to conserve at mywaterpledge.com.

Those who provide their contact information are entered into daily prize drawings, including travel mugs, showerheads, hose timers, hats, sunglasses, and more. One person in each winning community will receive \$3,000 toward their home utility bills.

The Village Administrator

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator

Welcome to Minooka!
New Business Spotlight

Secure Storage of Minooka

Minooka is set to become home to a top-of-the-line storage facility. Secure Storage of Minooka, opening at 530 West Mondamin St, is a fully climate-controlled storage facility offering storage units for household items, business inventory and records, and even vehicles from cars and trucks to RVs and boats. Whether residents are preparing for a move or decluttering for spring cleaning, there are storage spaces and units that will meet your needs and provide better protection for your possessions.

Owners Tom and Matt Drake and local managers Stefanie DePolo and Amy Turnell offer on-site management of the new facility. After 18-months of redevelopment by the owners and Narvick Bros.



Construction, the former Dellwood Tire warehouse now offers upgraded drive-thru access with personalized keycode entry, 24-hour camera systems, and indoor loading/unloading.

On April 20 Secure Storage of Minooka held a ribbon-cutting with officials of the Village and the Channahon Minooka Chamber of Commerce, as well as friends and family, to support the new business. The facility is open for rentals now, with office hours Monday-Saturday. You can contact Secure Storage for more information at (815) 838-5000 or www.SecureStorage.me





The Village of **Minooka**
Established 1899

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MEMORIAL DAY
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Village Offices will be closed
Monday, May 29, 2023
in observance of the holiday



Minooka Summer Camp Registration is now open!

If you register after May 12th there will be a
\$25.00 late fee per child
Registration will close on May 19th

For more information about the Minooka Summer Camp
please contact Dawn.niner@minooka.com

Around TOWN


You're invited to participate in Minooka's
Spring **GARAGE SALES**

Thursday - Saturday
May 11th, 12th, & 13th


Sign up by May 5th at the Minooka Village Hall
\$3 to have your address on the map
Maps available for pickup on
May 10th after 1:00 PM



Garage Sale Map will be available at Minooka.com
Ace Hardware, Casey's, Post Office, Village Hall



Community Nutrition Network is now open to pre-register clients for meals. Those interested may call Community Nutrition Network at 331-701-6505 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the week for more information. The suggested donation is \$6.00 per meal. Community Nutrition Network is a donation-based nonprofit serving those age 60 or above and their spouses and caregivers. No one is ever turned away if unable or unwilling to pay.



Ordinance Reminders

7-3-2: HEIGHT LIMIT:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding one foot (1') anywhere in the village, and such plants or weeds exceeding such heights are hereby declared to be a nuisance. (1977 Code; amd. 1997 Code)

7-1-4: BURNING OF WASTE MATERIALS:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn waste materials within the village limits, except as regulated herein. Any person violating this section shall be punishable as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code.



Kiwaniis
CHANNAHON-MINOOKA

Want to help children and families in your community? Kiwanis is for you!

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5pm, Minooka Village Hall
4th Wednesday of the month, 5:30pm, Channahon Village Hall

www.facebook.com/KCOCM/ kiwanischannahonminooka@gmail.com

UNLIMITED GARBAGE PICKUP
Monday, May 15th - Friday May 19th



The Village of Minooka has partnered with NuWay Disposal to offer an unlimited garbage pickup!

All garbage must be at the curb by 5:00 AM on your normal pickup day only!

- Additional refuse must be bagged or placed in a can not exceeding 32 gal. or 50 lbs.
- Loose items such as carpet should be bundled with twin, no more than 4 ft. in length.
- Place extra items at least 2 ft from the garbage & recycling totes. Do not place items between the tote and the curb.
- Up to 4 automobile tires, without rims, will be accepted.
- Up to 2 white goods (refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.) will be accepted
- Hazardous materials (batteries, gasoline, motor oil, etc.) will NOT be accepted.
- Electronics (television, computers, cell phones, etc.) will NOT be accepted.
- Construction material will NOT be accepted



Lions Park will be closed for the Minooka Summer Camp

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
8:00 am to 12:30 pm June 13th – July 26th
8:00 am to 4:00 pm on July 27th

Due to the safety of our campers **NO ONE** will be allowed in the park during camp hours

Summit Park (250 Rivers Edge Dr, Minooka) will be open and has a splash pad.

Thank you for your understanding!



MINOOKA BAND
Spring Concert

May 11 • 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Featuring the concert band, symphonic band, wind symphony, and wind ensemble.

GRADUATION

Minooka Community High School
Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m.
Athletic Stadium

SAVE THE DATE




Minooka Baseball and Softball Association Opening Day Parade

MBSA will be hosting its 1st Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 29th starting at 9:00 a.m. The parade will start at Minooka Elementary School and end at the corner of St. Mary's and West Street. Teams will need to assemble in the front parking lot and grass area of Minooka Elementary between 8:30 and 8:45. The parade will start at 9:00.

Summer at Three Rivers Library

Visit the library's events calendar at trpld.org/events to view the full range of events and to register for library programs. Summer hours begin Memorial Day weekend, with both locations closing at 3pm on Saturdays & closed Sundays through Labor Day. The libraries will also be closed 5/29 for the holiday. June program registration opens Monday, May 22 at 10am unless otherwise noted

Find Your Voice Summer Reading for All Ages

June 12-July 22

Everyone can find their voice this summer, no matter what age you are! Earn badges and prizes, plus entries into drawings, when you register for summer reading and log your reading and activities on Beanstack. **Registration opens June 12 in-house and at trpld.org.**



Summer Reading Kick-Off

Saturday, June 10, 10am-1pm at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channahon Dr

Kick off a summer of fun with a special performance by CultureShock Dance Troupe! Stick around for:

- Lawn Games
- Obstacle Course
- Photo Booth
- TCBY Food Truck
- Body Art by Jazzi Entertainment
- Button Making & Crafts
- ...and more!

No registration is required for this drop-in program.

Family and Youth Programs:

Mother's Day Tea: All Ages

Sunday, May 7, 2-3pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate with Mom or the special women in your family! Tea, juice, and cookies will be served as you make crafts together. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Dino Days: All Ages

May 22-26, All day at both library locations

All things dinosaur will be on display! You can check out dino-tastic books, crafts, and activities. If you're lucky, you might even be able to sneak a selfie with Dino, the library dinosaur! *No registration is required.*

Dads & Donuts: Families

Saturday, June 17, 10am-12pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Kids, bring your dad: or another special guy in your family for a donut treat. Coffee and juice will also be served. Stop in anytime between 10-12 to snack, chat, and make a special Father's Day craft together. *No registration is required.*

Adult Programs:

Three Rivers Book Club: Adults

Wednesdays, May 3 & June 7, 7-8:30pm at Arrowhead Community Center, 24856 W Eames St, Channahon

Join us for lively discussions of adult contemporary literature! New members are always welcome. Copies of the current selection are available for checkout at both libraries in advance of the meeting. **May:** *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub, **June:** *Hester* by Laurie Lico Albanese. *No registration is required for this in-person club.*

Paranormal Investigations: Adults

Thursday, May 11, 6-7:30pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Rd

The Illinois Paranormalists will be sharing their experiences investigating ghost sightings, including the techniques and equipment. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Amazing Matcha: Adults

Tuesday, May 16, 6-7:30pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Rd

What is matcha and how did it become so popular? Learn how it's made and how it's used. You'll also have the opportunity to taste matcha in different forms. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Spring Gardening Tips: Adults

Tuesday, May 23, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Lisa Beard of Beard Family Flower Farm will share expert gardening tips and tricks to help you make your summer garden bloom. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Karaoke Night: Families

Friday, June 16, 6:30-8pm at Channahon Library, 25207 W Channahon Dr

Sing your heart out at this after-hours, family-friendly event! Prefer to be in the audience rather than "on-stage"? We'll have shakers and tambourines so you be a part of the show while supporting the singers. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

IRL Among Us: 9 years+

Friday, June 23, 7-8pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Among Us in real life?! Sounds sus, but trust us. See if you and your crew can survive...or if you can triumph as the Imposter. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Glow Party: 7 years+

Friday, June 30, 7:45-8:45pm, Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Are you ready for a glow-up? Kids 7 years+ are invited to bring your own shirt to this after-party to decorate with our glow-in-the-dark art supplies so you can really shine. Then we'll dance and party until the sun sets with music and glowsticks! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Mahjong Club: Adults

Tuesdays, May 2, 16, & June 6, 20, 1-4pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

Beginners and experienced players are invited to play and learn this skill-based tile game together! If you have your own tiles, you are welcome to bring them. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Braiding Sweetgrass Book Discussion & Watch Party: Adults

Wednesday, June 21, 6-8pm at Minooka Branch, 109 N Wabena Ave

We'll be discussing Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, Braiding Sweetgrass, then watching the live virtual conversation with the author. *No registration is required.*

Native American Storytelling- Waika: All Ages

Monday, June 26, 6-7pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvilly Rd

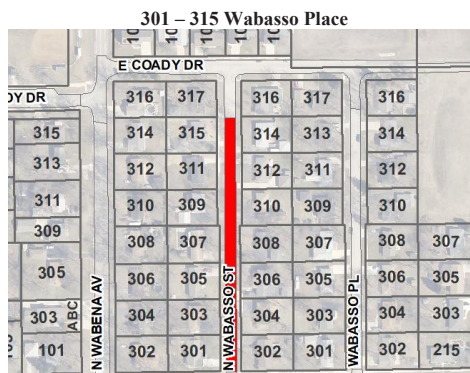
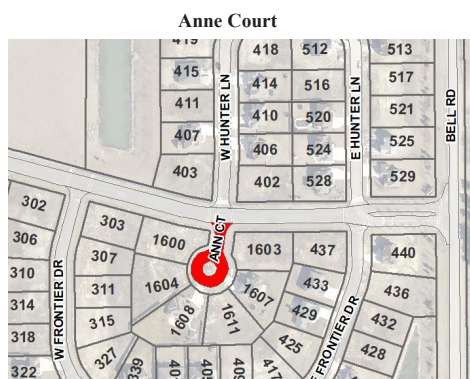
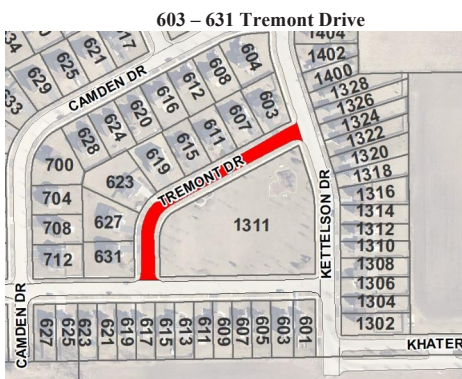
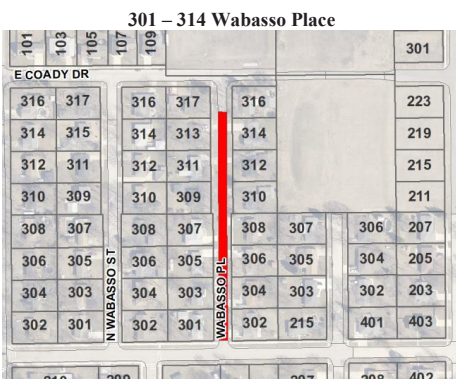
Gerald Savage, Ho-Chunk nation tribal elder and oldest grandson of Chief Walks with the Wind, will share Native American tribal stories and history he learned as he was born and raised in the traditions of the Ho-Chunk tribal ways. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*



PUBLIC WORKS

2023 Annual Street Maintenance

The 2023 Street Maintenance Program will be completed this summer. The program includes resurfacing, along with various crack sealing locations, patching and a limited amount of curb replacement throughout the Village. These areas will also have sidewalk ramps updated to the latest revisions of ADA compliance standards.



MINOOKA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Heartsaver 1st Aid/CPR/AED Class June 3 at 8 AM at Station #1
 Deadline to register: May 30th by 4 PM
 Sign up online: <https://www.minookafire.com/cpr/>

The Minooka Fire Protection District will be at Minooka Summer Fest on Saturday, June 17th. Kids can try out their firefighting skills at our Kids Combat Challenge in front of the silos (11 AM - 2 PM).

GRUNDY COUNTY LAND USE

- **Mother's Day** flower seed packets available at local libraries throughout Grundy County
- **Gently used Children's Book Drive** at the Grundy County Admin Building, 1320 Union Street, Morris, now through June 18th
- **Composters** will be on sale for \$25 each until supplies run out

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chaplain's Corner

What Rafiki Said

In my opinion, the original animated version of Disney's The Lion King is one of their best! Having said that, Beauty and the Beast is, obviously, the best animated film they have ever produced. But I digress. Rafiki is like a mashup between Yoda and Animal, the Muppets drummer! He is more than crazy and eccentric, but also the sage of the Pridelands. In a pivotal scene, Rafiki, who has watched Simba, the King's son, struggle with his journey through life, whacks Simba in the head with his staff. This is their exchange after that whack:

Simba: Ow! Jeez! What was that for?

Rafiki: It doesn't matter! It's in the past.

Simba: Yeah, but it still hurts.

Rafiki: Oh, yes, the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it.

Our stories are filled with joy and wonder, but also with pain and struggle. Some of the deepest hurts I have carried through life have come from my past. Specifically, from difficulties in my story that I didn't learn from, so that pain became pain I passed along to others... in my marriage, family and professional settings. If you and I, as we journey along, are ever going to find the peace that we are all looking for inside of us, and between us, two things need to happen:

1. We need to address anything in us that is causing us to be unsettled, restless, angry, anxious, or fearful. In other words, we need to learn from the past. Even though that process might be painful.
2. We need to let it go. What does letting it go look like? It looks like you finally saying, "I forgive you." It looks like making a phone call and saying, "I. Was. Wrong." It looks like serving others as a way to process the difficulties that you have, helping you to appropriately put your story in perspective. Someone once said: "Don't waste your pain." Learn from it.

One last thought: The greatest hurt comes to us in relationship, and the greatest healing comes to us in relationship. We need each other. We need to not be afraid to tell each other our stories so we can encourage each other. Above all, we need to be present to each other in genuine care and love. If you want to discuss this, or, which Disney film is the best, send me an email and I'll buy you a cup of coffee while we talk: carlosgarcia@missionbible.church

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Bicycle Safety Month



May is Bicycle Safety Month. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges bicyclists and motorists to share our roadways by obeying the traffic laws and respecting each other's rights.

The Minooka Police Department and the Minooka Fire Department's annual Kids Bike Safety Rodeo event is May 20th, 8:00am - 12:00pm at the Minooka Elementary School. Join us for fun and bike safety!

ATV's & Dirt Bikes are Prohibited in the Village Limits



The weather is starting to warm up, and we all want to get outside and enjoy it, but please remember that the Operation of ATV & Dirt bikes are prohibited on Village property & roadways and property not owned by you. If caught operating an ATV or dirt bike could result in the following ordinance & state violations which could result in fines and tow fees:

- Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 1 (10) Disorderly Conduct
- Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 1 (AA) Park Rules & Regulations: Operation of ATV, dirt bikes
- 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 Operation of non-highways vehicles on streets, roads and highways
- 625 ILCS 5/11-1427 Illegal Operation of an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle

May is Mental Health Awareness Month:

May is a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues, and to help reduce the stigma that so many experience.

Here are some 24/7 resources for mental health support:



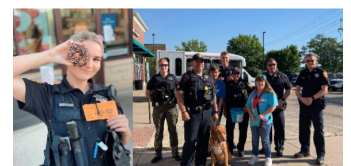
MHA Screening: <https://screening.mhanational.org/> - Online screening is one of the quickest and easiest ways to determine if you're experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition. Our screens are free, confidential, and scientifically validated.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support to people in distress - you don't need to be suicidal to reach out. Call 1-800-273-8255 to be connected with a crisis counselor. Crisis counselors who speak Spanish are available at 1-888-628-9454.

988 Textline: When you text 988, you will complete a short survey letting the crisis counselor know a little about your situation. You will be connected with a trained crisis counselor in a crisis center who will answer the text, provide support, and share resources if needed.

Crisis Text Line: If you prefer texting to talking on the phone, text MHA to 741-741 to be connected with a crisis counselor who will help you get through your emotions.

Special Olympics Illinois, Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop



Mark your calendars! Cop on a Rooftop will be held on Friday May 19th, 5am - 12pm at both Minooka Dunkin' locations.

Come out to join us in support for Special Olympics athletes! Each guest who makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a coupon for a free donut. Guests who donate \$10 or more will receive a LETR/ Dunkin' branded travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for a free medium hot coffee.

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MISSION BIBLE CHURCH

We are excited to invite you to Mission Bible Church where we believe in being Real with God, Real with Each Other and Real in the World.



missionbible.church



Mission Bible Church



Mission Bible Church



412 N Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447

Mission Minooka

Saturday 5:00pm • Sunday 9:00/10:30am
412 N. Wabena in Minooka

Mission Morris (meeting at Saratoga School)

Sunday 9:30am • 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekly Mass

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am



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St. Mary's Minooka



StMarysMinooka



303 W. St Mary's Street, Po Box 456, Minooka IL 60447

May 20th - Euchre at 6pm in Parish Center

May 22nd - Anointing of the Sick Mass at 7pm

May 28th - Breakfast 8 - 11am in Parish Center

June 17th - Euchre at 6pm in Parish Center

THE VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays at The Village Christian Church

You're welcome to join us for In-Person church at 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka. Service times are at **9:00** and **10:30 am**.

Kid Village Classes will be open for both services, **infant-grade 3**.

Pulse 45 (grades 4-5) and **Pulse Jr. (grades 6-8)** meet during Sunday morning services.

Celebrate Mother's Day at The Village Christian Church

You're invited to a day to celebrate the women in our lives and the story God has written for all of us. Whether you're a mom, grandma, aunt, neighbor, babysitter, etc. this day is for you. Attention Men: This special day is for the women in your life so make sure to bring them to church!

Sunday, May 14 at 9 & 10:30 am at The Village Christian Church, 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka.



thevillagechristianchurch.com



TheVillageChristianChurch



The Village Christian Church



8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447

Online Services

Live service online at 9:00 or 10:30 am on Sundays 3 different ways:

- The Live Service Website live.thevillagechristianchurch.com/
- YouTube Channel youtube.com/c/TheVillageChristianChurch
- The Village Christian Church Facebook page.

Helping The Community-Mobile Food Pantries

The Village Christian Church wants to be an exceedingly generous church, giving BIG to help people in need. On Monday, May 22 at 5 pm The Northern Illinois Food Bank will be distributing food at The Village Christian Church, 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka.

Distribution usually lasts about an hour and is first come, first served. Families will receive about a week's worth of food: dairy, bread, fruit and vegetables. There will be no proof of income, registration or I.D. required.

For more information check out:
www.thevillagechristianchurch.com

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship **We have moved!* Join us at our temporary location at 24751 W. Eames St., Channahon, IL 60410

Saturday in-person at 5 PM

Sunday in-person & online at 11:30 AM
(Please note worship will be held at 9AM on 5/14 & 6/4.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School has merged with Channahon UMC's. Children meet at 10:30 AM in the education wing room 140.



minookaumc.com



Minooka United Methodist Church



205 W. Church Street, Minooka, IL 60447

SENIOR LUNCHEON "Forever Young"

On the third Wednesday of the month, we will hold a free luncheon at St. Mary's Minooka for ages 55 and better! Join us on May 17th at 11:30 AM. Make a reservation by calling 815-467-2322. "Forever Young" will not meet in June, July or August.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES

Saturday, May 13th at 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 14th at 9:00 AM

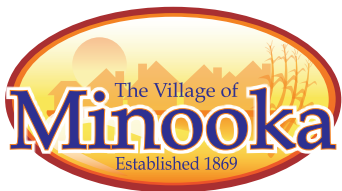
FATHER'S DAY SERVICES

Saturday, June 17th at 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 18th at 11:30 AM

VBS 2023 SAVE THE DATE!

We will hold combined VBS with Channahon UMC this year. VBS will be held the week of July 16th. Stay tuned for more details! Register for this free event at minookaumc.com/



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VILLAGE INFORMATION

The Village of Minooka encourages all residents to visit and participate in the Village Board and Committee meetings. Regular meetings of the Village Board are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. They are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Committee of the Whole meetings also take place at the Village Hall on the Wednesday before the Village Board Meeting. To verify a meeting date, please call the Village Hall at (815) 467-2151.

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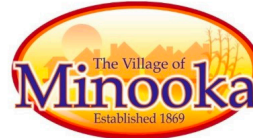
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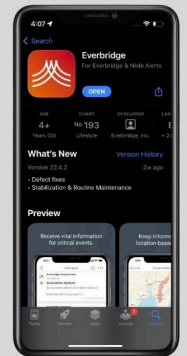
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By downloading the Everbridge Mobile App, you can select to receive notifications concerning community events, time-sensitive alerts and/or emergency information that may impact your area.

- Allow Everbridge to send Push Notifications
- Select "Find an Organization or Subscription"
- Search "Minooka"
- Select "Village of Minooka"
- Log in with your Everbridge username and password. If you don't have credentials, create them now.



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Speak out! Suggestions! Volunteer!

Communicate with Minooka elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, volunteering, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response. Please complete this form, detach, and return to: Village Administrator, Village of Minooka, 121 E. McEvilly, Minooka, IL 60447.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Comment: _____
