The Village of Landon The Village of Landon

Minooka Summerfest 2024

Food Trucks & Vendors • Beer Tent Each Night
Pork Chop/Chicken Dinner • Live Music Each Night
All Day Family Stage Entertainment • 5K Race
Bean Bag Tournament • Kids' Games
Arts & Craft Fair • Lions Foundation Free Hearing
and Vision Screening Truck

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday June 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2024

Downtown Minooka

Live Music Under the Grainger Tent by:

Keep the Eleven & Exit 122
(Thursday Night)

Nashville Electric Company &
Back Country Roads
(Friday Night)

Sealed with a Kiss & ARRA
(Saturday Night)



More Information @

www.MinookaLionsClub.com



Race Tech Shirts! Professional Chip Timing! Awards Ceremony and Raffle Prizes! Free Kids Run After the Race!

Saturday, June 15th 2024

Minooka Summerfest 5k

Downtown Minooka @ 8:00am

\$35 Pre-Registered (\$40 Race Day)

Registration:

Online - www.MinookaLionsClub.com
Offline - Mail in form, downloadable off our website
Race Day - Race day registration available

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To Serve You Better Welcome to Your Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Hi folks,

Spring has sprung, the early flowers are up and some gone, the buds are out (walnuts are always late) and the baseball season is in full swing (some good and some not so good). Yard waste pickup is back and as I write this, we should have enough moisture for the garden. Stay tuned for future notices. Village Clean Up Day is May 4th and we have a little to clean up.

Respectfully, Ric Offerman



Village officials accept the Conservation Foundation's Conservation Partner of the Year Award on February 15th. Pictured from left to right: Trustee Dennis Martin, Trustee Gabriela Martinez, Finance Director Austin Haacke, Trustee Terry Houchens, Mayor Ric Offerman, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Anderson, & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Sabrina Soloy

The Village Administrator

Dan Duffy, Village Administrator

New Business Spotlig

Roosty's Chicken & Shakes

The reviews are in, and Roosty's Chicken & Shakes is a hit! Roosty's is the newest fast-casual chicken restaurant in Illinois. Located at 454 W. Mondamin Street in the Parker Square shopping center, Roosty's offers three different types of hand-breaded chicken sandwiches and chicken tenders,



as well as chicken wings marinated in their own signature seasonings. Choose from buffalo, BBQ, lemon pepper, garlic parmesan, Jamaican jerk sauce, mango habanero, and teriyaki.

And don't forget to pair your sandwich with a delicious milkshake! Flavors include, chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, Oreo lovers, and salted caramel. Management is currently working on establishing online ordering and plans to deliver through DoorDash and UberEats soon. Roosty's is open 7 days a week: Monday-Saturday 11am to 9pm and Sunday 12pm to 8pm. Come check them out!

Minooka Awarded Conservation Foundation Partner of the Year!

Minooka's commitment to conservation stems back many years and continues to grow. The Conservation Foundation, based in Naperville but active in several northeastern Illinois counties, was founded in 1972 and has already helped preserve over 35,000 acres of open space across northern



Illinois. The Village is proud to announce that in February the Conservation Foundation awarded Minooka the 2024 Conservation Partner of the Year award. The two agencies have forged a strong and lasting relationship over the years, initially partnering to double the size of downtown's Veterans Memorial Park. Most recently, the Conservation Foundation and the Village collaborated to preserve an additional five acres of land near Aux Sable Springs Park, protecting a large corridor of wetlands and woodlands.

Mayor Ric Offerman and Village Trustee Terry Houchens, chairman of the Parks and Recreation committee, accepted the award on behalf of the Village. Under their leadership, Village staff has been provided the inspiration and the tools to seek out further conservation opportunities. Minooka's partnership with the Conservation Foundation is special, and the Village is grateful for their commitment to conservation and support of the community.



Village Offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of the holiday

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

SPONSORED BY: THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #1188

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

PARADE STARTS AT 10:00AM ending at Veterans Park with memorial service immediately following

For parade participation info please call 815-822-5171 or visit www.MinookaLegion1188.org





LIONS PARK WILL BE **CLOSED FOR THE** MINOOKA SUMMER CAMP

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday's 8:00 am to 12:30pm June 11th – July 25th 8:00am to 4pm on July 25th

For the safety of our campers **NO ONE** will be allowed in the park during camp hours. Summit Park will be open and has a splash pad located at 250 Rivers Edge Dr. Minooka.

Thank you for your understanding!



Around-

Rotary Club of Channahon-Minooka

Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club 24355 W. Bluff Rd, Channahon, IL • heritagebluffs.com

\$75 Player • \$300 Team Includes lunch, green fee, shared golf cart, beverage ticket, contests, awards, and FUN!



FRIDAY, MAY 17TH. 202





You're invited to participate in Minooka's



Thursday - Saturday May 9th, 10th, & 11th

Sign up by May 3rd at the Minooka Village Hall \$3 to have your address on the map Maps available for pickup on May 8th after 1:00 PM

Garage Sale Map will be available at Minooka.com e Hardware, Casey's, Three Rivers Library - Minooka Branch, Village Hall



UNLIMITED **GARBAGE PICKUP**

Monday, May 13th - Friday, May 17th

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 gallons or 50 lbs.
- Bundle loose items, such as carpet, with twine, 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.
- 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



Visit the library's events calendar at trpld.org/events to view the full range of events and to register for library programs. Both libraries are closed May 12 for Mother's Day. Registration for June programming opens Monday, May 20 at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Free Comic Book Day Mini Con: All Ages

Saturday, May 4, 11am-3pm at Channahon Library
Our all-ages mini con experience will have a video game
lounge, tabletop gaming, cosplay contest, crafts, door prizes,
free swag, and more. Pre-register for the cosplay contest at
bit.ly/cosplay2024. No registration is required to attend this
in-person event.

Summer Reading Kick Off Event: All Ages

Saturday, June 8, 10am-1pm at Channahon Library

Summer kicks off with a special event, with games, face painting, balloon art, treats, and entertainment from WOW Chicago Bubbles. *No registration is required to attend this in-person event.*

Summer Reading - Adventure Begins at Your Library: All Ages June 10-July 20

Adventure begins at the library this summer with our fun-filled, Summer Reading program for all ages. Sign up in the Beanstack app to track your reading progress and earn prizes, raffle tickets, and more! Visit www.trpld.org for more details.

Family and Youth Programs:

Adventures in Art: 2-7 years w/caregiver

Wednesdays, June 12-July 10, 10:30-11:30am at Channahon Library Explore new fun and messy ways to create art together outside! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

4H PRESENTS:

Little Roots: 5-7 years

Thursday, June 20, 4-5pm at Minooka Branch Learn all about plants, from seed to bloom, and make your own booklet & keepsake!

Ecosystem in a Jar: 8-18 years

Thursday, June 20, 6-7pm at Minooka Branch Learn about ecosystem sustainability and make a selfcontained ecosystem in a sealed jar.

Registration is required for both of these in-person programs.

Trivia Masters: 7-12 years

Thursday, June 27, 3-3:45pm at Channahon Library Are you a master of minutia, a professor of particulars? See how much you know about anything and everything. You could be crowned the Trivia Master! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Name that Tune: 13-17 years

Thursday, June 27, 4:15-5pm at Channahon Library See how well you can name that tune as you listen to music from all decades and genres to see if you can reign supreme! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Teen Art Forgeries: 12-17 years

Fridays, June 21-July 19, 4-5pm at Minooka Branch Test out your art skills as we learn to recreate famous works of art! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Adult Programs:

Coffee & Crafts: Adults 18+

Fridays, May 3 & June 7, 10am-12pm at Minooka Branch
Bring your current art or craft project to work on as you enjoy
a morning socializing with other crafters as you sip a beverage.
Registration is required for these in-person programs.

Stitch & Stretch: Adults 18+

Monday, May 20, 6:30-7:30pm at Minooka Branch

This unique and rejuvenating class combines the therapeutic art of crafting with the restorative practice of yin yoga. Bring your own crafting supplies and yoga mat or towel. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Professor Moptop Presents the Music of the Rolling Stones: Adults 18+

Wednesday, May 15, 6-7:30pm at Minooka Branch
The Professor returns to turn back the clock to that golden
age of rock with background stories and studio recordings of
the Rolling Stones! Registration is required for this in-person
program.

Brews & Blues: Adults 21+

Thursday, June 6, 7-8:15pm at Will County Brewing Co, 24735 W Eames St, Channahon

Join us as the Chicago-based Donna Herula Trio plays a variety of blues styles as well as original songs. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Board Game Night: Adults 18+

Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7:30 Channahon Library It's a board game smorgasbord! Try out a selection of board games and maybe find a new favorite. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Backpacking 101: Adults 18+

Wednesday, June 26, 6:30-7:30pm at Minooka Branch Experienced backpacker Emily Kenny shares challenges and considerations when heading out into the backcountry, including tips for success for a rewarding and memorable nature experience. Registration is required for this inperson program.

PUBLIC WORKS

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WILL BE COMING THIS FALL TO MEADOWS PARK AT 209 DEERPATH DRIVE!





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

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.

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)

GRUNDY COUNTY LAND USE

MOTHER'S DAY POLLINATOR FLOWER SEEDS

Mother's Day is May 12th and what better way to celebrate your mom or the person who has been like a mother to you than to give her flower seeds. These flower seeds consist of coreopsis, cosmos, forget me nots, and other flowers that bees and pollinators enjoy.



Keeping the pollinators happy and healthy provides us with the fruit and vegetables that we need and provides flowers that help us to love to enjoy the world around us. All the **Grundy County libraries** will have these seed packets at their locations on **Monday May 6th** until supplies last.

PAINT RECYCLING



We will have our paint recycling partnership with Earth Paints throughout the summer months until October. If you would like to recycle either latex or oil-based paints or stain, please visit our office at 1320 Union Street in Morris, and pay the fee requested by Earth Paints. You will receive a receipt which you will be able to present on a

Friday afternoon at our storage facility to deposit the paint.

Earth Paints charges their fees in order to pay the special needs employees that work at their facilities. All paint is remixed and retinted to be resold. Most of the paint that is recycled is sold to Habitat for Humanity. For more information about the program, please call our office at 815-941-3228 and ask for Beth Skoff.

CHILDREN'S USED BOOK DRIVE

We partner with Bernie's Books in our annual collection of books from June 10th through July 12th. All gently used books may be



dropped off at our facility at the Grundy County Administration Building at 1320 Union Street, in Morris from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. To find out what types of books Bernie's Book Bank would like, please call 815-941-3229.

Bernie's Book Bank was developed to provide gently used books for children from preschool up to 6th grade or 12 years old. At special presentations, Bernie's Book Drive personnel incorporate fun activities to show how books can help your imagination take you to many places, and that books are enjoyable. Following these presentations, each child

will receive a bag containing approximately 10-12 books that they keep as their own. For a lot of these children, these books are the first they can call their own.



Thank you, Grundy County, for making these programs so successful!

Please feel free to call Heidi Miller for more details on all our programs through our office at 815-941-3229 or email at hmiller@grundycountyil.gov.

MINOOKAPOLICEDEPARTMENT



Chaplain's Corner

You Are an Unrepeatable You

For years now it seems that our culture, and the world, has been divided, fractured, and focused on our differences in a way that fuels disconnection instead of connection. Who knew that an eclipse could teach us so much? Celebrating diversity is so important. But gathering together to celebrate something transcendent in the midst of our diversity... well... that can be life changing. It can also help us to remain true to our individuality while not sacrificing the power and strength that can come from getting out of ourselves... seeing the world in a different light, and gathering with people

who are radically different from us, but who are also human... just like us. We all want to belong. We all must have an identity that helps us settle our worth and value. But if our identity is chosen, instead of received as a gift, then when it is challenged, in any way, we fight, marginalize others, and become disconnected. In a way, we received the eclipse as an identity - of sorts - to gather around and celebrate.

Psalm 139 is a beautiful psalm that speaks to this entire issue of our value, worth and identity. There is a verse in that Psalm that I have paused at and found myself weeping over when I reflect on what it says: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;" - Psalm 139:14. When I receive my identity from my Creator and thank Him for making me... for giving me life... I am secure and solid in who I am. I am also free to do the hard work of accepting others and loving others because they too are fearfully and wonderfully made. You. Are. Here. He made you. You are an unrepeatable you. He has given you the gift of value and worth. Millions of people setting aside work, schedules, commitments, and differences to witness a cosmic event is something we shouldn't wait until 2044 to do again. I wonder how we can do that now? I wonder how we can build a rhythm and awareness of God and his presence in our lives? That's something we should all be thinking about.



To talk about this or anything else that's on your mind, I would love to treat you to a cup of coffee. Contact me at carlosgarcia@missionbible.church.

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

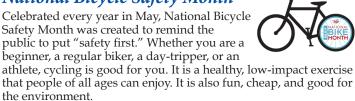
Cop on a Rooftop



Friday May 17th 5am – noon at both Minooka Dunkin' locations. Come out and show your support for the Illinois Special Olympics. This year will mark the 21st Anniversary of the Dunkin' and Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois partnership. This partnership has been a huge success over the years;

in fact, more than \$8.7 million has been raised in Illinois!

National Bicycle Safety Month





Schools out for Summer!

May 24th is the last day of school for District 201. Have a safe summer break!!

Follow us to stay up to date!

Don't forget to follow the Minooka Police Department on Facebook and/or Instagram to stay up-to-date with events and news happening in our area.

Also, sign up to receive Notifications, Alerts and Events from us – find out how to subscribe to Everbridge by visiting our website, Minooka.com.











MINOOKA SCHOOLS



Get ready for a fantastic event! Minooka Junior High School Proudly Presents the Poetry Slam on Monday, May 6th at 5:30 pm. It will be an evening of creativity, Passion, inspiration, and Poetry! Don't miss out!



symphony, and wind ensemble



Minooka Community High School Athletic Stadium

IEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

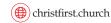
CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Worship

8:30 am Early Worship Service 10:00 am Bible Classes 11:00 am Main Worship Service

Children's and Youth Spring Recital May 5 at 10 am only

Mother's Day & Recognizing Graduating Seniors

Pentecost Prayer Service - May 19 Father's Day - June 16 **Super Summer Sunday** June 23 5PM - Fun, Food, & Games galore!



Christ First Baptist Church Minooka



(f)(O)(y) Christ First Baptist Church (Q) 4295 Van Dyke Rd., Minooka, IL 60447

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. Servicé 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.

If you can't watch live you can view at your convenience on any of these platforms: the Live Service online at our website, YouTube Channel or The Village Christian Church Facebook page. Check out the village christian church.com for more information.

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

(the village christian church.com



□ TheVillageChristianChurch

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 6 and Monday, June 17 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.

Banquet To Invest In Our Community

The Village Christian Church is partnering with charity organization Reclaimed to raise money to invest back into our local communities. The goal is to raise \$50,000 that will be used for Mobile Food Pantries, Dance the Night Away prom to honor guests with special needs, and other programs to help struggling families in and around Channahon and Minooka.

When: Friday, June 21 from 6:30-9 pm

Where: The Village Christian Church, 8965 S Bell Road, Minooka What: The cost of dinner is \$25/person. There will be silent auction and live auction items to bid on during the evening. Registration information is available at www.thevillagechristianchurch.com

(§) 8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447 (§) The Village Christian Church



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.



(m) missionbible.church



Mission Minooka

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

Mission Morris (meeting at Saratoga School)

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

Mission Bible Church

() 412 N Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR NEW BUILDING ON RIDGE ROAD IS OPEN!

We are at 1210 S. Ridge Road, next to the water tower. Worship experiences are Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Online maps are still being updated with our new address, so your GPS may take you slightly off-course. Our church is on the east side of Ridge Road, south of Prairie Ridge Drive and north of Misty Creek Drive (in-between the Lakewood Trails and Prairie Ridge subdivisions).

Learn more about our welcoming and affirming congregation at www.minookaumc.com

SAVE THE DATE for VBS

July 14-18 we will combine with Channahon UMC to offer Vacation Bible School for preschool and elementary-aged children at Channahon UMC. Register for this free event at minookaumc.com

SENIOR LUNCHEON "Forever Young"

Wednesday, May 15th at 11:30 AM. Free luncheon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Minooka for ages 55 and better. Make a reservation by calling our church office at 815-467-2322. "Forever Young" will not meet in June, July or August.

THE SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 PM. Questions about faith and the meaning of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. The Skeptic's Circle offers a welcoming space for open, honest conversation about the emotions, doubts, and ideas you might have been taught not to question. Our aim is to explore the big questions of life and faith, providing an environment where deconstruction and doubts are not only accepted but encouraged. Meets at the Starbucks located at Route 6 and Yellow Pine Drive in Channahon.

PET BLESSING

Sunday, June 23nd at 11:30AM at Minooka UMC. We are so grateful for our pets! They are such an integral part of so many families. All are welcome to bring their pets to our open field for this service of blessing.

(2) 1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447

f) Minooka United Methodist Church

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minookaumc.com

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekly Mass

Saturdays: 5:00 pm Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, & 11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm **Stations of the Cross** Friday Mornings: 9:00 am

Junior High Youth Group Parish Center

7:00 - 8:15 pm May 1st, 15th, & 29th

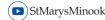
Thrive Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12) Parish Center

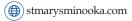
7:00 - 8:30 pm May 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th May 9th - Anointing of the Sick Mass 7:00 pm - Call Parish Office for more details

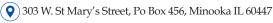
May 26th - Knights of Columbus sponsor breakfast 8-11 am. All Are June 7th - First Friday Rosary - 6:30 pm in the Church

June 23rd – Knights of Columbus sponsor breakfast 8-11 am. All Are Welcome!







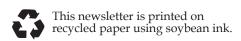




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VILLAGE INFORMATION

The Village of Minooka encourages all residents to visit and Village President 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 Village Trustees 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.

Ric Offerman (815) 258-5270

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Village Administrator

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Getting You Where You Need to Go!





PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ANYWHERE IN **GRUNDY COUNTY AND PORTIONS OF JOLIET**

Service Available Monday-Friday, 6:00 AM-6:00 PM **Rides must be scheduled 2-3 business day in advance**

Bus service is for ALL Grundy County residents of ALL ages. All buses are ADA compliant and equipped with wheelchair lifts. Children under the age of 5 ride for FREE. GTS travels to Joliet 3 times daily.

Fares are \$4.00 each way in-county and \$6.00 each way to or from Joliet.

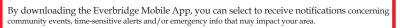
To schedule your ride, give us a call at (888) 786-0862



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