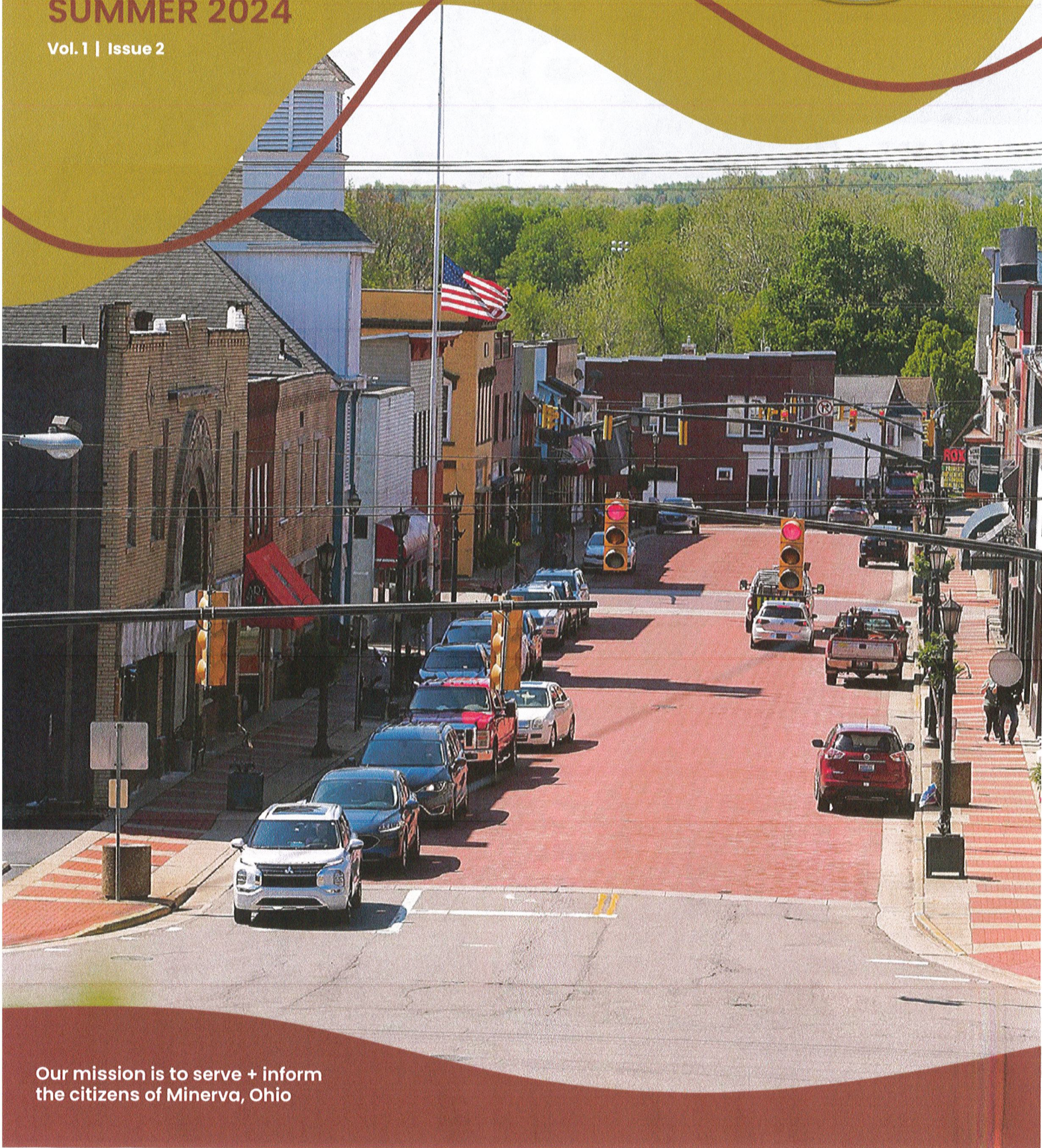


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LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Residents of the Village of Minerva.

I am pleased to share the positive progress our Village has made in the first half of this year. At the outset of 2024, we embraced "Value and Culture" as our guiding principles, aiming to enhance our community and internal operations in line with these themes. As we reflect on our achievements thus far, it's important not only to celebrate the completion of key projects but also to acknowledge the grant funding that has facilitated these successes.

Among our accomplishments, we have successfully finished Phase II of the N. Market Waterline, installed six new pickleball courts, and opened our new Customer Service Station, among other initiatives. I invite you to explore these achievements and anticipate many more to come!

The Village is grateful for your ongoing support as we continue our efforts to make Minerva an even better place to live, play, and work.

Best regards,

Benjamin W. Gunderson
Village Administrator





Economic Development



Workforce Development Center Project

The Village is thrilled to announce we have received a \$200,000 grant through the "One Time Strategic Fund" State Capital Budget for the downtown Workforce Development Center project. The goal with this endeavor is to create a centralized hub that facilitates continued education and workforce training opportunities for local businesses and students alike. At the heart of the Center's mission is the provision of a diverse array of job certifications and programs tailored to meet the needs of our community. We envision this initiative as not only a catalyst for economic growth but also as a means of fostering a more vibrant and resilient community.



PCC Airfoils Grant

The Village is thrilled to announce a new partnership with PCC Airfoils to enhance safety along SR 183! Thanks to a successful grant application, the Village secured an \$85,000 grant through the ODOT Abbreviated Safety Grant to fund vital safety initiatives. This includes implementing a crosswalk at the PCC Airfoils entrance, establishing a no passing zone, and reducing the speed limit to 45 mph.



Dunkin' Donuts

The Village recently signed off on the plans for the new Dunkin Donuts coming to town! The Dunkin will be located on the corner of US 30 and SR 183 heading towards East Rochester. The Village is excited to have Dunkin in the community and look forward to enjoying coffee, donuts, and the ample seating provided inside the building. Please stay tuned for future information related to the grand opening and ribbon cutting!



Homecoming Festival



Rides + Music

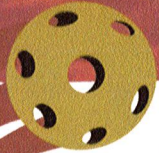
Four unprecedented days of beautiful weather made for a fantastic 2024 Homecoming. Throngs of people watched the parade, got their fair-food fix, stood in line for Lionburgers, stocked up on Jay's French waffles for the last time, rode rides, entered raffles, and enjoyed the entertainment and newly added beer garden.

With the dissolution of the Minerva Community Association, the Homecoming was left in limbo, but, in typical Minerva fashion, a coalition of organizations and individual volunteers stepped up to keep this beloved tradition going. A huge thank you goes to the Minerva Firefighters Association, Minerva Athletic Boosters, Minerva Area Chamber of Commerce, Minerva Football Alumni Association, Village of Minerva, Ray Electric, Bradley Palmer, Deborah Palmer, and all the other volunteers and organizations that helped with set up and tear down, manned the dunk tank, provided activities, and saw to the other hundreds of details that made this event a success.

We have lots of ideas for next year and welcome suggestions for how to make the Homecoming even better. Next year's dates are June 18-21, 2025, so mark your calendar now!



Parks Department Updates



Pickleball Courts

The Village completed the resurfacing and completion of six pickleball courts late May. The total cost of the project was \$45,000; however, the Village was lucky enough to attract over \$25,000 in donations from individuals and local organizations! Since the opening, the Village held the first ever Homecoming Pickleball Tournament with 20 people in attendance. We look forward to seeing the courts busy and utilized for years to come!

New Curly Slide

The Village installed a new curly slide in early June at Bicentennial Park. The Village is in the process of updating unsafe and antiquated equipment and we expect many more park upgrades to come!



New Dugouts at Brock Park

The Village recently reconstructed the dugouts at the baseball field in Brock Park. This effort was acted on to ensure safety and freshen up the looks of the dugouts.



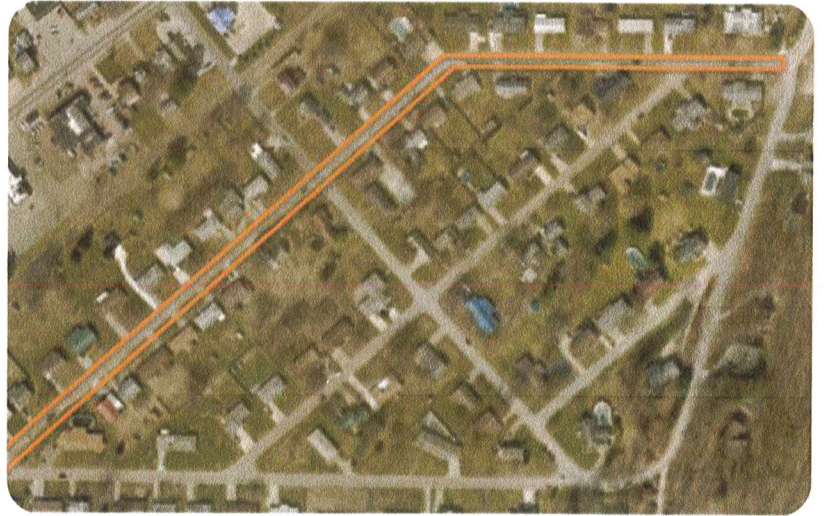


Water Department Updates

McDaniel Waterline Replacement Engineering



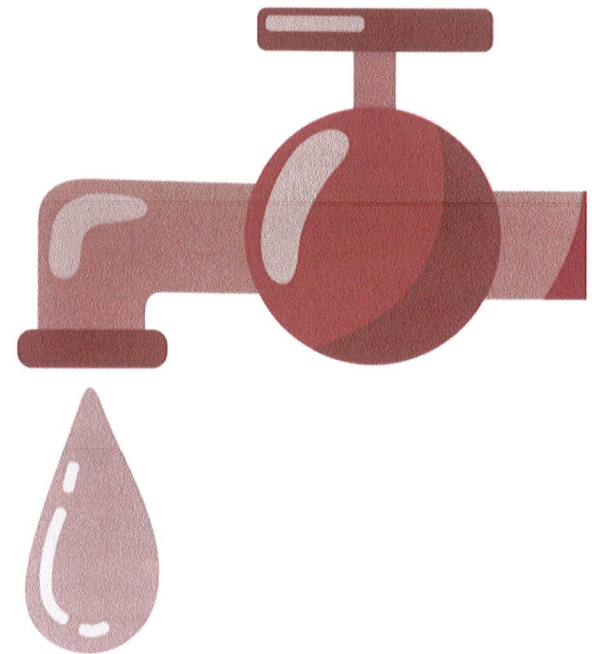
The Village recently completed the engineering for the McDaniel Street Waterline Replacement Project. The estimated cost is around \$430,000 to replace the waterline between both sections of Lynnwood. The Village has added this waterline replacement to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The Village will be seeking out grants in hopes of reducing the costs.



N Market St. Waterline Phase II



The Village recently completed Phase II of the N. Market Waterline Replacement. The Total cost of the project was around \$348, 381.79. With that said, the Village was able to leverage over \$200,000 in grant funding for the project.



Water Meter Replacement



As of June, the Village is over 80% complete with the Water Meter Replacement Project. The purpose of the project is to replaced outdated and antiquated water meters that either give inaccurate reads or just simply stop working. The total cost of the project was around \$833,000. The Village was able to leverage over \$380,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding (federal covid-19 funding).



Police Department Updates



New Police Cruiser

The Village of Minerva recently accepted the newest police cruiser that is the start of a new era! The Minerva Police Department has recently updated our patches, changed uniforms, and changed up the look of the new police cruiser.

All the changes have been a collaborative process amongst department employees. The Village is excited for the changes and looks forward to moving forward in a very positive manner! Make sure to check out the new cruiser!

Veteran and Elderly Watch Program

The Minerva Police Department recently created a Veteran and Elderly Watch Program that is geared towards ensuring veterans and elderly community members have the ability to sign up for weekly phone calls and visits.

The Police Department heard numerous examples of residents who don't have family members or friends close and oftentimes find themselves lonely throughout the week.

This program not only ensures people have regular interactions, it can also be used in situations where someone is unresponsive and needs a checkup. If residents are interested in signing up for the program, please stop down at the Police Department for assistance!





Public Relations

Customer Service Station Grand Opening

The Village recently held a ribbon cutting for the new Customer Service Station! The Customer Service Station was a project that came into fruition after numerous conversations internally with staff and Village Council. Residents and Visitors came to Village Hall with the goal are paying their water bill, wanting to rent a community amenity, or seeking answers for general questions. Village Hall is split up with two floors that oftentimes had employees who knew the answers, but the visitor was oftentimes on the wrong floor.

To improve efficiency, the Village decided to create one centralized spot to gather further Village information, pay water bills, receive zoning permits, etc. The goal of the Customer Service Station is to enhance the efficiency of operations such as permitting, community rentals, pool passes, water bills, and general questions from the community.

The Customer Service Station will adapt constantly to the needs of the community and will be an excellent vehicle the Village plans to utilize for public relations and operational efficiency.

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Misc. Updates

Street Paving 2024

The Village is starting to prepare for the 2024 Street Paving Project. The Village has allocated \$154,000 towards repairing and repaving streets throughout the Village. The Village plans on starting late July or early August. Please stay tuned for further information.

1st Annual Painting Initiative

The first annual Painting Initiative has been launched to support residents in offsetting the high costs associated with exterior painting improvements.

This community-driven program aims to enhance the aesthetic appeal of neighborhoods while easing the financial burden on homeowners.

By providing access to discounted materials, professional guidance, and volunteer assistance, the initiative seeks to create a vibrant and well-maintained environment for all.

Through this collaborative effort, residents can enjoy the benefits of refreshed and revitalized homes, fostering a sense of pride and unity within the community.