

# Village Newsletter

## Your Village of Minerva Council



Mason Boldizar Mayor mboldizar@ci.minerva.oh.us



Nate Meadows
Deputy Mayor
nmeadows@ci.minerva.oh.us



Christine Coe
Councilwomen
ccoe@ci.minerva.oh.us



Jennifer Jordan Councilwomen jjordan@ci.minerva.oh.us



Bob Harris Councilman bharris@ci.minerva.oh.us

Village Council Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 6:30pm Workshop. 7:30pm Full Council

#### Message from Mayor Boldizar

It is an honor to serve as the acting Mayor of our wonderful Village of Minerva. I truly enjoy seeing our residents out and about—whether visiting local businesses, attending events, or simply enjoying all our community has to offer. I'm excited to share that we continue making meaningful progress each day. From improving infrastructure and beautifying our neighborhoods to advancing economic development projects, we are committed to making Minerva a place where families want to live, grow, and thrive. I'm proud of how far we've come, energized by what's ahead, and deeply thankful for your continued support and involvement. Together, we're building a strong and vibrant future. Please continue supporting our local businesses and community events—they are the heart of our village!



# Minerva Municipal Swimming Pool

Pools opens Memorial Day weekend.

Monday - Thursday: 12 noon – 7pm

Fridays: 12 noon – 8pm Saturdays: 11 AM- 8pm Sundays: 12 noon – 6pm

Senior/Adult Swim: Weekdays 11am-noon



## Minerva 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

- July 11th Kindred Roots (band) and Casey's Concessions & Kona Ice (food)
- August 8th Mostly 90's Band (band) and Triple T's & Kona Ice (food)
- September 12th Gordon Oliver & Friends (band) and Wheely Good Food Truck (food)
- October 10h- Grandma's Favorite Grandson (band) and Dudley's G's Pizza (food)

#### **Introducing the New Discover Minerva App!**

We're excited to announce the launch of **Discover Minerva** — the Village's new mobile app designed to keep you connected, informed, and involved like never before!

Available now for free on both Apple and Android devices, **Discover Minerva** is your one-stop destination for everything happening in our village.

With just a few taps, you can:

- •View upcoming community events and programs
- •Report maintenance or service issues directly to village staff
- •Receive important alerts and updates
- •Explore local businesses, parks, and attractions
- •Access council meeting agendas and village news

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, **Discover Minerva** makes it easier than ever to stay engaged with your community. We invite everyone to download the app today and help spread the word to friends and neighbors.

Let's stay connected — discover all that Minerva has to offer!







#### A Message from the Village Administrator



Greg Mytinger
Village Administrator
qmytinger@ci.minerva.oh.us

As I complete my third month serving as the Village Administrator, I want to take a moment to share how excited and grateful I am for the opportunity to be part of the Minerva community. In just a short time, I've already met so many kind and welcoming people, and I've been struck by the strong sense of pride and connection that defines this Village.

Although new to this role, I've been a resident of Stark County for over 20 years. My wife is an elementary school principal, and we have two sons—our oldest attends The Ohio State University, and our youngest will begin his senior year this fall. We're proud to call Stark County and this region home.

I look forward to working with Village Council, our dedicated staff, and all of you to make positive, lasting changes that benefit our residents. Thank you for the warm welcome—I'm truly looking forward to what we can accomplish together.

### Friendly Reminder: Keep Minerva Clean & Beautiful This Season

With spring in full swing and summer right around the corner, we're all enjoying the warmer weather and spending more time outdoors. As we take pride in our properties and neighborhoods, the Village would like to remind residents of a few important ordinances that help keep Minerva clean, safe, and looking its best.

#### Common Seasonal Violations to Avoid:

- •High Grass and Weeds: Lawns must be maintained regularly and kept under the 8 inches in height as specified in our property maintenance ordinance.
- Excess Trash or Debris: Please ensure that all trash is properly stored and disposed of in a timely manner. Yards should be free of litter, discarded furniture, or large items not scheduled for pickup.
- Prohibited Animals: Certain animals, including but not limited to farm animals such as chickens, goats, and pigs, are not permitted within village residential limits. Please check local ordinances before bringing any non-domestic animals onto your property.

Our Code Enforcement team will be actively monitoring properties and issuing notices when necessary. Please take time now to address any potential issues on your property and encourage neighbors to do the same. Working together, we can ensure that Minerva remains a beautiful and welcoming place for all.

For questions about Code Enforcement please contact Village Hall @ 330-868-7705





Oddmall and the fantastic city of Minerva are excited to bring you this day-long celebration featuring Minerva's own famous cryptid – *The Minerva Monster!* 

This family-friendly event will feature over 100 Oddmall artists and vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, cryptozoology, kid activities, costume contests, and so much more!

Saturday, July 12 from 12-8 PM Historic Downtown Minerva





Visit https://www.oddmall.info/minerva-monster-mega-mall/ for more information.

## Minerva's Safety Forces

#### A WORD FROM POLICE CHIEF GARDNER:

I'm hopeful you will find value and enjoy reading our newsletter covering the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2025. We are committed to providing updates, seeking feedback, and engaging in our community every chance that we get. I would like to take the time to say that I appreciate the dedication, professionalism, teamwork, and willingness of our entire department to go above and beyond expectations. As always, we appreciate the continued support from the community and partnerships towards public safety. There is no better village to work for and with than the Village of Minerva. Enjoy the rest of summer and stay safe!

#### Police Department Community Engagement:

The Minerva Police Department continues to explore new programs that engage with the community. We currently have an Elderly and Veteran Outreach Program that focuses on those living alone within our community. This program is built to check on those residents and help with any needs they may have. With the help of volunteers, business and non-profit organizations, we look to improve their quality of life. There is no cost to join this program. Stop into the police department for an application or further information.

#### Non-Emergency Number: 330-868-4177



MINERVA, OH 44657

## **Sandy Creek Joint Fire District**

The Sandy Creek Joint Fire District was established in 2012 by a joint resolution of the Village of Minerva, Paris Township (Stark County) and West Township (Columbiana County). These political subdivisions were already sharing services on the Village of Minerva Fire Department; however, this allowed some changes to be made and the district continues to grow.

The Fire District is governed by a separate Fire Board of 7 members which normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the main fire station located in Minerva.

The Fire District is staffed 24 hours a day, currently with 4 cross trained personnel whom are trained in both Fire and EMS. The District also relies on the call-in personnel for larger incidents and currently has a roster of 40 plus personnel. The Fire District is all part time employees.

The Fire District provides Fire, EMS, Rescue and basic Hazmat Services.

The District currently covers 86 square miles including all of the Village of Minerva, Paris Township and West Townships. We also, by contract, cover a small portion of Brown and Augusta Townships in Carroll County.

Important Phone Numbers:

Emergencies: DIAL 911

Non-emergency calls to dispatch: 330-868-4177

Business line to station: 330-868-5193



#### Minerva Water System Updates: Meter Changes, Monthly Billing & More



The Village of Minerva is making several important improvements to our water system to better serve our residents and businesses. These changes are part of our ongoing efforts to modernize services, improve accuracy, and enhance convenience for our customers.

#### New Water Meters (2024)

Upgrading the villages water meters was an important first step in the long process to improving our water system. These modern meters will provide more accurate readings and improved service reliability.

#### Online Account Access Coming the Fall of 2025

Beginning this fall, customers will have online access to their water accounts, allowing you to view usage history, monitor consumption, and conveniently pay your bill online. We're excited to offer this user-friendly option as another step toward streamlined service.

#### McDaniels Waterline Project

We're also pleased to share that the long-anticipated McDaniels waterline project is expected to begin later this summer. This project will strengthen our water infrastructure and support future development in that area.

#### Coming Spring 2026: Monthly Billing

Starting in the spring of 2026, the Village will transition from quarterly to monthly water billing. This change will help residents better manage their budgets by providing smaller, more frequent bills and more timely usage information.

As a reminder online bill payment is currently available now with Auto-Pay or Text to Pay options! Simply follow the link on our website. (https://minerva.oh.us/departments-services/water-sewer/)

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our water service systems. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!







The Minerva Senior Center, located at 1200 Valley Street, is a vibrant hub for seniors seeking community, connection, and enrichment. Open weekdays, the center offers nutritious meals for just \$7.00 per person, with both dine-in and curbside pickup options available. Each meal includes bread, beverage, and dessert, with diabetic-friendly choices upon request. Please reserve your meal by noon on the day you wish to attend Menu is available on our website, minervaseniorcenter.wixsite.com

Beyond dining, the center hosts a variety of engaging activities tailored for older adults. Participants can enjoy craft classes, friendly rounds of bingo and euchre, and special events like the Picnic in the Park to be held June 20, 2025 at Bicentennial Park. This event features bingo, food, and fellowship, fostering a sense of community among attendees. Pool playing, puzzles, and a book library are available during business hours.

Additionally, the Minerva Senior Center offers event space rental, making it an ideal venue for gatherings, celebrations, or community meetings. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the center directly at (330) 868-6004.



Minerva Senior Center 1200 Valley Street, Minerva, OH 44657



## Summer in the Parks 2025

Minerva, Ohio

#### Plant Walk

Jennifer Clevinger, Walsh University
Tuesday, June 10; 10:30 am – FREE!
Great Trail Golf Course

## Minerva Homecoming

Wednesday-Saturday, June 11-14

Municipal Park & Community Building

"Wildlife Rescue" &

### Lunch with Officer Tony

Presented by Stark Parks
Thursday, June 26; 10:30 am – FREE!
Bring a packed lunch and eat with Officer
Tony following the Stark Parks program
Municipal Park Stage

#### Bealtaine

(Irish, Scottish & Canadian Maritime Folk and Contemporary) Saturday, June 28; 7-9 pm – FREE!

Municipal Park Stage

#### Bird Walk

Adam Zom, University of Mount Union Thursday, July 17; 9 am – FREE! Great Trail Golf Course

#### T-Free & the Panic Attacks

(Classic rock)
Saturday, July 26; 7-9 pm – FREE!
Municipal Park Stage

#### New Song Concert

Presented by Geneva College Saturday, August 2; 7 pm – FREE! Municipal Park Stage

## Canton Symphony Brass Ensemble

Canton Symphony
Thursday, Aug. 7; 6:30 pm – FREE!
Municipal Park Stage

#### Community Bands Concert

Canal Fulton & Minerva Community Bands
Monday, August 11; 7 pm – FREE!
Municipal Park Stage

#### Kindred Roots

(Rock N' Roll-Blues)
Saturday, Aug. 16; 7-9 pm – FREEI
Municipal Park Stage

#### Family Fun Day

Saturday, Aug. 23; 5-8 p.m. – FREE! Municipal Park

#### Community

## Appreciation Days

Sunday Aug. 31 & Monday, Sept 1 – \$1 Village of Minerva Community Pool

#### Community Dog Swim

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2-4 pm - \$5 Village of Minerva Community Pool

## Recurring Events: Group Run/Walk

Sandy Creek Running Club Wednesday, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13; 6 pm at Sandy Springs Brewing Co.– FREE!

## Nights on N. Market

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Celebrations Friday, July 11, Aug. 8; 5-9 pm Downtown Minerva – FREE!

### Stargazing Nights

Monday, June 2; 9:00 pm – FREE! Wednesday, July, 2; 9:00 pm – FREE! Great Trail Golf Course

