



The Town Crier

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Did You Know?



This is the first edition of *The Town Crier* featuring the new logo and suggested font typeface outlined in the Village's Visual Identity Manual.

The Visual Identity Manual is the foundation of the Branding Committee's efforts to create and unify the "Minster Brand". These guidelines will be an important tool as the Village works to create a cohesive and consistently applied graphic identity.

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No Job is Too Small. Call Before You Dig!

Don't gamble with your safety - smart digging always requires a call to 811. Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury and prevent damages to utilities, service disruptions and potential fines and repair costs. Whether you're planting a tree or shrub, or installing a deck or pool, every job requires a call—even if you've called before for a similar project. The depth of utility lines varies, and there may be multiple utility lines in one common area. Marked lines show you the approximate location of underground lines and help prevent undesired consequences.

Utility Identification Colors

-  Red—Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
-  Yellow—Gas, Oil Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous materials
-  Orange—Communications, Alarm or Signal lines, cables or conduit
-  Blue—Potable water
-  Purple—Reclaimed water, Irrigation and Slurry lines
-  Green—Sewers and Drain lines
-  Pink—Temporary survey markings
-  White—Proposed excavation

Ohio Specifics

In Ohio, by law, everyone—including homeowners—

MUST contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1, at least 48 hours but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) or enter it online with [e-dig](http://www.oups.org/HomeTopNav/Homeowners.aspx) (<http://www.oups.org/HomeTopNav/Homeowners.aspx>) the easy online dig request for homeowners, before beginning ANY digging on their property.

Remember the marks indicate approximate location of the utility line; within 18 inches on either side of the line. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service acts as a communication link between utility companies and individuals planning any digging activity

Police Investigate Local "Prowler" Calls

The Police Department has recently received several "prowler" type calls. The reports and suspect description point toward a male suspect wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt. "While these type of calls do not occur often in the village, the fact that we've received several in the past

month cause us concern", said Chief Houseworth. He continued, "We're asking all residents to keep an eye on any suspicious activity or persons they might see, especially during the late evening hours." Residents may dial 419.628.2377 and provide details about the suspicious activity and details

about the individual to the dispatcher. The Police Department would also like to remind residents to lock their vehicles, garages, sheds, etc. Houseworth commented, "The harder you make a criminal's job the less likely you'll become a victim."

Village of Minster

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Administration
419.628.3497

Electric Department
419.628.2850

Parks & Recreation
419.628.3404

Police Non-Emergency
419.628.2378

Street Department
419.628.3404

Wastewater Treatment
419.628.2663

Water Department
419.628.2850

Utility Billing
419.628.2850

FOR THE LATEST NEWS

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WWW.MINSTEROH.COM

Upcoming AOA Activities

May 18 & May 20, 2010
Rise & Shine Walking
Four Seasons Park—8 am

May 25 & May 27, 2010
Rise & Shine Walking
Four Seasons Park—8 am

June 1 & June 3, 2010
Rise & Shine Walking
Four Seasons Park—8 am

June 3
RSVP

AOA Lunch Bunch
Youth Building—11 am

June 8 & June 10, 2010
Rise & Shine Walking
Four Seasons Park—8 am

June 9
AOA Movie
Youth Building—11 am

ODOT Plans Resurfacing of SR 66 and SR 119

The Ohio Department of Transportation recently announced SR 66 and SR 119 would be resurfaced through the Village. Single lane closures will be in effect on SR 66 at mile marker 1 through Minster beginning Monday, May 10th at 7 am. Single lane closures will also be in effect on SR 119 at mile marker 5 through Minster beginning Monday, May 10th at 7 am.

These lane closures will take place daily between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. Both routes

are scheduled to reopen lanes Wednesday, June 30th at 4 pm. One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction of SR 66 and SR 119 at all times by the use of flaggers.

These closures are due to crews making pavement repairs and installing curb ramps in that area.

Arrow boards, signs and flaggers will be in place prior to the work zone to alert motorists of the upcoming lane closures.

Law enforcement will be on hand to monitor traffic flow.

ODOT has a "Target: Zero" goal for any and all safety hazards. To help ensure the safety of the construction workers as well as the traveling public, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone.

All work is weather permitting.

For more information contact: Mandi Abner at (937) 497-6820.

Dodgeball Tournament Returns to Day at the Park Event

The Minster Venture Crew, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Journeyman's Club and the Village of Minster have a fun-filled "Day at the Park" planned for June 19th. All proceeds from the event will benefit Minster Scouting programs.

- 10:00 am - 10:00 pm - Concession stands open
- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm - Children's playground toys
- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Fire Safety demonstration

- 10:00 am—2:00 pm—EMS demonstration
- 10:00 am—2:00 pm—National Guard Climbing wall
- 11:00 am - Beer stand opens and Opening Ceremony
- 11:00 am - ??- Co-ed Dodgeball Tournament
 - 11am—Ages 13 and under
 - 1pm—Ages 14-17
 - 4pm—Ages 18 and up
- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Children's game sponsored by

the Girl Scouts

- 12:00 pm—2:00 p.m.— Entertainment (To be Announced)
- 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Police demonstration
- 6:30 - 11:30 pm - Music provided by DJ Ben Wendeln
- 11:30 pm - Last call
- 12:00 am - Park closes

For questions or information on how to get registered for the various events, call 419.628.8227 or email Minsterjc@gmail.com

Census Workers Begin Local Count

Minster' Census Mail Participation Rate finished at 90%! If you didn't send back your Census form, you may receive a visit from a census taker starting May 1st. If a census taker visits you, here's what you should know:

- First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag.

- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home.
- If you're still not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Office at 313.396.5200 to confirm employment.
- Census workers will not ask for social security or credit card numbers.
- Answer the census form questions for your entire

household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau.

Census takers visit local homes several times to capture resident information for the 2010 Census. Should a census taker visit your home while you are away, you can schedule a visit with your census taker by calling the contact number provided.