

Village of Lena News



Small community—Great Opportunity

December 2014 Issue 4

Lena Village of Lights

Special thanks to all our participating businesses and residents who help make the 1st Village of Lights a success. The decorations were awesome. Over 50 children visited with Santa! Music by the High School band and chorus plus the St. Anne's singers helped beautify the evening. Stocking winners were:

Ryan Robillard and Kenzie Spice.

\$100 Gift card winners:

Kathy Lieburn and Beth Earley (Cards donated by the Wooden Shoe & Dair-Ray Veterinary).

Property Taxes

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thurs.
7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Friday.

Office will be closed: Christmas Eve Day: New Year's Eve at noon.

When paying with cash—Please bring the exact amount!!!

Public Hearing

December 30, 2014 11 a.m.
Lena Village Hall, 117 E Main St.,
Lena, WI regarding water rates.

Message from President Marquardt:

I would like to begin by offering up a huge thank you to all of the Village residents that participated in the Village of Lights festivities. I am sure the people involved to get this event started appreciated your support. This event is barely over and talk is already underway on how this event is going to be even better next year. Hats off to all for a job well done!

In this issue, we are featuring a new local business right here in our community. I would like to personally extend a welcome to Vintage Insurance. It is important to get the word out regarding all the businesses and services located in the Village. Please stop in and see what they have to offer. If you haven't noticed, the Main Street lights have been decorated for Christmas. It is also a signal that the year is quickly coming to end and a new year is quickly approaching! Change is one of those things that are inevitable in our lives. How we choose to deal with change can yield different results both favorably as well as negatively.

Looking back on the past year within our Village I also see signs of change. We said goodbye to and thanked some employees who contributed to our resident's day to day life. At the same time we welcomed new employees into our community and look forward to their contributions and commitment to continue to strive to make our Village a great place to reside.

Another change in 2014 is the construction of the water treatment facility and associated underground infrastructures. The structure for the facility is nearly completed with numerous plumbing, electrical and detail work being completed inside. A major portion of underground utility work has been done with completion scheduled for around mid January. Start-up of the radium removal system is tentatively scheduled for the first part of February and expected to be on line mid-February. I am also pleased to report that the project is right on target with the proposed budget.

The Public Service Commission should be forwarding the rate structure to the Village very soon. It is anticipated that the public hearing will be on December 30. Rates could then go into effect sometime in 2015 (likely April 1) with the first billing cycle taking place for the 2nd Qtr of 2015.

The Planning and Development Committee has been very active in 2014 as well with the finalizing of plans and covenants for the Rosera Business Park Development. We are excited to see that some interest has been shown and a possible first sale of property within this new development area could come soon. The intent of this property is to bring in new construction for Commercial / light industrial facilities which will strengthen the overall Village tax base along with potential new job growth for our residents.

As 2015 approaches I ask that all of us take a look at how we can be a better neighbor and citizen in our Community. Becoming more active in Village government, running for an open Village Board position, volunteering for Committees or attending a Board or Committee meeting to offer input would be a great place to start. Or, maybe it is helping an elderly or disabled neighbor with shoveling their sidewalk or driveway, or just simply checking in on them from time to time. Many of you do this now and that is one of the things that make Lena a great place to live and work.

As always, please reach out to me or any member of the Village Board with any comments, questions or concerns. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Steve Marquardt
Village President

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Winter Reminders

If your property has a sidewalk along it, you are required to have the snow cleared within 24 hours (Village Ordinance 277-10.)

Winter parking rules are now in effect. No vehicle is to be parked on the street between 2:30 a.m.—7 a.m., December 1-April 1. If you have tenants that do not receive this notice please inform them. Parking citations will be issued for non-compliance. (Village Ordinance 302-16)

Lena's Main Street Arts & Craft Fair

Saturday August 22, 2015 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

304 E. Main Street (behind the school)

10x10 spaces will be available to rent for \$50.

If interested contact the Village Hall at 920-829-5226.

Farmer's Market

Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Starting May 22—Oct.

Call 920-829-5226 for more information.

Recycling is required!

Remember—you are required to recycle. Plastics 1 & 2, glass, paper, cardboard, cans. If you place any recyclables in your garbage, your bag will not be picked up until you recycle contents.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Business Spot Light!

Vintage Insurance

150 S. Rosera Street, Lena, WI 920-829-5348

Kaila Vorpal has been a licensed insurance agent since 2008 and has experience on both the independent side as well as the captive side of the insurance business. "I decided early in 2014 that it was time to put my dreams into reality," states Kaila. So in August her family talked her into looking into a vintage barn that is located in Lena where she grew up. I was against it at first because I had my heart set on a different location in Lena. But as soon as I walked into the barn I knew it was home to my new business. And what better name to give it: Vintage Insurance Agency- the name is not only suitable for the building but fits in with one of my favorite passions of collecting antiques. Stop in and welcome Vintage Insurance to our Village.



Village Quarterly Schedule

January

Jan 5 - Utility Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan 12—Court 4 p.m.
Jan 13—Finance Mtg. 5:30 p.m.
Jan 19—Plan & Dev 5 p.m.
Village Board 6:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 2-Utility 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9-Court 4 p.m.
Feb. 10-Finance 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 16-Plan & Dev 5 p.m.
Village Board 6:30 p.m.

March

Mar. 2-Utility 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 9-Court 4 p.m.
Mar. 10-Finance 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 16-Plan & Dev 5 p.m.
Village Board 6:30 p.m.