

Village of Lena News



Small community—Great Opportunity

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**LENA LION'S ANNUAL
FISH FRY
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH
4:15 - 7:30 P.M.
ST. ANNE'S GYM/CAFETERIA**



Lena

Farmers Market

Fridays: May 22-Oct.

Vendors needed. Call 920-829-5226



**LENA
FIREMEN'S
Meat Raffle
Sat. March 28th
1 p.m.
Wooden Shoe**



Dog License are due!!

Please bring in your pet's vaccination records and register your dog. Annual license is from Jan.-Dec. Per Village Ordinance 120.3 (2)

President's Message—Steve Marquardt

The first couple of months of 2015 have been quite busy in the Village of Lena. The new water treatment plant is up running as designed with no major issues. Work continues to establish set points that will allow the system to operate at an optimum performance level. Well #1 is back online and is being used as our primary well at this time. Well #2 work has started and should be completed within the next couple weeks and back on line sometime in April. We will be planning an Open House for our new facility in the near future which will give you a chance to tour the facility and ask questions. More to come!

The spring election is just around the corner and I encourage all residents to take part in your civic rights to cast your ballots. Any resident who would like to become involved in our community by volunteering your time or joining a committee should contact the Village Hall or any Board Member.

In April, the Village will be eliminating the current Planning and Development Committee. The responsibilities assigned to this group will transition to the Planning Commission, as required by Village Ord 103-4. The Planning Commission will be working over the next couple of months on development of the Rosera Business Park and meeting with local organizations to help design a new layout for the existing Village Community Park to include an improved pull track facility, playground equipment Volleyball courts etc.

A new Committee being formed is the Village Promotions Committee. This group will focus on promoting the Village through events such as Village of Lights, Village wide rummage sale, Spring clean up, Farmers market, etc. They will also focus on the appearance of the Village. One of the first items on the Committees list of things to accomplish will be the installation of the new Village Street Sign posts along Main Street. If interested in being on this Committee, please contact me.

With the change in weather comes a time to do some Spring cleaning. The Village will once again hold the Spring Clean-up days in May as we have in the past. The dates will be May 27 and May 30th. I would encourage you to be conscientious about maintaining your property per

Presidents message continued:

The Village ordinances. There has been a noticeable positive difference in the general appearance at several locations throughout the Village along with negative changes at several other locations too! General appearance of the Village is the one item that really is at the top of the priority list for the majority of our Village residents. I have heard numerous comments from taxpayers that we need to focus on this.

Street repairs due to the water treatment project are also scheduled to take place in the very near future. The Village will also be addressing the issue with the storm sewer drain pipe heave on Cedar Street at the same time. It is also possible that resurfacing of 2nd Street, South of Harley and all of Cedar Street will take place. Funding strategies are currently being looked at and should be finalized soon.

The work on Cedar Street is considered to be a priority at this time due to the extensive deterioration of the roadway caused by the past several cold winters. This street maintenance repair will be the first time in many years that we have invested monies toward street repaving. We are also in the process of establishing a street rating criteria system that will allow us to better evaluate our street system and work towards a continuous ongoing street repair plan.

The Village Board has recently adopted a new format for allowing our residents to voice their issues or concerns. We ask that all concerns related to Utilities, Services and policies provided by the Village be channeled through the Village Hall. This allows for better documentation and also ensures that the correct resources, department or committee will be getting notified of your concerns in a timely manner allowing them to address or resolve the issue more efficiently. You can also attend the Monthly board meeting and voice your concerns and opinions during Open Forum. Or you can request that your concerns be heard as part of the Agenda. Contact Char at the Village Hall with any questions.

As always, we value your comments, suggestions and concerns. Please remember that your Village Board needs to be made aware of issues so they can respond to them in the best possible manner. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like guidance or have questions in regards to dealing with any concerns or issues that you may have. I also urge you to attend our Board Meetings so you can see what is going on in your community.

Notice!

If you have a change in tenants or sell your property please notify the Village hall to make changes.

Spring Election

Tuesday, April 7

Polls open: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vote for: Village President

(3) Trustees

Justice of the Supreme Court

Court of Appeals Judge

School District of Lena Board Members—2

Referendum for Northeast WI Technical College

State referendum Election of Chief Justice



Please Slow Down!!

Due to warmer weather, you will see an increase in pedestrian traffic through out the Village. Please slow down.

Indoor Ice Fishing Derby



**Saturday
April 18th
1 p.m.
McGuire's
Sports Bar**

Are you recycling?

The follow materials are accepted and how to prepare them for recycling: **Paper:** includes newspaper, catalogs, magazines, paper bags, junk mail, dry food boxes, computer paper, construction paper, books (hard & soft cover). Paper must be dry and free of residue., place loose in appropriate dumpster (no ties). Remove plastic liners, flattening boxes to conserve space. Separate newspaper and magazines from other products and place in appropriate dumpster. Personal papers should be shredded. All shredded paper should be placed in a paper bag and closed to prevent scattering. All office (white) paper can be placed in separate dumpsters, if available. No cellophane or foil coated wrapping paper. **Plastics #1 & #2:** Type 1 & 2 food, beverage, laundry & lotion bottle shaped containers are accepted. Remove caps, rinse and flatten. No motor oil, cooking oil or containers containing toxic materials, plastic bags, food tubs, toys or garden containers. **Glass:** Clear, brown & amber, green & blue glass can be recycled. No lids, caps or rings. Clean and separate by color. No safety or window glass, mirrors, china, ceramics, light bulbs or mercury containing bulbs, drinking or oven glass. **Cans:** Steel, tin, aluminum cans and tin foil & aerosol cans can be recycled. Rinse clean, remove labels and flatten. No sheet metal, pots or pans, nails or screws. Clean, empty paint cans 1 gallon or less. Empty aerosol cans with plastic caps removed. If we notice any recyclables in your bags of garbage, your garbage will not be picked up until recyclables are removed.



Please take a few extra minutes to process your recyclables!

Village of Lena Welcomes New Business:

Stay At HomeCare is a new business for the Village of Lena. Lisa Deviley, owner has located her business at 150 S. Rosera Street. "I've been passionate that home care should be the first choice for people," she stated. Lisa is a Registered Nurse and has worked in the health care for over 20 years. Stay at HomeCare provides hands-on care services such as bathing, dressing and grooming. They can be reached at 920-829-5273 or email ldeviley.stayathomecare@gmail.com.



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Village of Lena Spring Clean Up May 27 & May 30

Large items such as cabinets, book shelves, etc. must be broken down.

For more info call the Village Hall at 920-829-5226.
Village of Lena residents only!

Bingo
Sundays 2 p.m.
Wooden Shoe

Village Quarterly Schedule

April

April 3—Good Friday
April 5—Happy Easter
April 13—Municipal Court 4 pm
Village of Lights 6:30 pm
April 14—Finance Mtg.
April 20— Planning & Dev. 5 pm
Utility & Board 6:30 pm

May

May 10—Happy Mothers Day
May 11—Municipal Court 4 pm
May 12—Finance Mtg.
May 18—Planning & Dev. 5 pm
Utility & Board 6:30 pm
May 25—Memorial Day
May 27— Spring Clean up
Graduation 7 p.m.
May 30—Spring Clean up

June

June 5—Last day of School
June 8—Municipal Court 4pm
June 9—Finance Mtg.
June 15—Planning & Dev. 5 pm
Utility & Board 6:30 pm

Ladies Night

Lena Public Library
is hosting Ladies Night
Thursday March 26th

Come and enjoy the features of the Lena Library. Relax and read a book, use the computers, visit with your friends and neighbors. A massage therapist will be on hand to offer a chair massage for a nominal fee. You deserve a night of pampering and relaxation! 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Did you know....

1 gallon of soda costs	\$3.78
1 gallon of milk costs	\$3.49
1 gallon of gas cost	\$2.29
1 bottle of water 16.9 fl. oz.	\$1.00
1 cup of coffee 8 oz.	\$1.57
1 gallon of Spring Water	\$.07

**1 gallon of Lena
water costs \$.03!!!**

This price is effective 3/16/2015

Ordinance 134-3. Regulation of length of lawn and grasses.

(B) The Village Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on lots or parcels of land which **exceed eight (8)** inches in length adversely affect the health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interfere with the public convenience and adversely affect property values of other land within the Village..... (G) (2) Failure to comply the Village shall cut or cause to cut all grass and weeds from the property and shall charge the expense of so doing at a rate established by resolution by the Village Board. **Please do NOT blow your grass cuttings into the street. It plugs the storm sewers!**

Lena's Main Street Arts & Craft Fair

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

Vendors are needed. \$50 for a 10'x10' space. All vendors will remain set up till 3 p.m. No early dismissal. Absolutely NO rummage or commercial items. All products must be handcrafted. All vendors need to submit a photo with your registration form on the products you will be selling. Rain or shine. For more information or registration forms please contact the Village Hall at 920-829-5226. No refunds.

Backing Billing Utility Customers for Errors or Defective Equipment

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission rules require utilities to bill customers for all usage. This includes issuing back bills that result from inaccurate, interchanged or switched meters, underestimated meter readings, meters that haven't been read for long periods of time or clerical errors. The utility is limited to back billing for a period of two years. If a customer is unable to pay the entire amount, the utility is required to offer payment arrangements. You can visit the PSC web site for more information.

Your Utility Bill: Explanation of the charges.

WC—Standard water charge *

WV—water volume *

SC—Standard sewer charge

SV—sewer volume

FP—Standard Fire Protection*

* These rates are set by the Public Service Commission.