

Village of Lena News



Small community—Great Opportunity

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Message from President Marquardt: Another Dairy Fest has come and gone, which signals that the fall season is just around the corner. I would like to take this time to thank the members of the Lena Lions Club for putting on another successful event which showcases the spirit and camaraderie of our small community. Everyone in the community looks forward to this annual event held the first Saturday after Labor Day and will be eagerly waiting for an even bigger and better event next year. I know this Club is already working on and planning for next year's event. So make sure to tell them how much we appreciate what they do for our community. The last couple of months have brought about a generally improved Village appearance. Thanks go out to all of the residents who continue to keep their properties well maintained. One reminder that I would like to point out is that grass clippings should not be blown into the street. This may not seem like a big deal, but over time the clippings make their way into the storm water run-off system, blocking grates and plugging up catch basins. This leads to potential street flooding and extra costs to clean and maintain catch basins. Please help by trying to avoid this, everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

You may have noticed that there are several active work zones in the Village. Crews are well underway with the start of the new radium removal water process building located to the South of the St. Anne's Church grounds. The walls should start to appear shortly at this site. There is also activity at the two Village well locations, where pads for backup generators and electrical upgrades are being performed. Over the next several weeks you will start to see construction crews installing transmission water mains from well #2 on Harley Street up to the new treatment building. We will be notifying residents along this construction route of any potential outages or inconveniences. The plan is to keep these to a minimum.

We are happy to announce that the Village will be getting two major grants awarded to them to be used to help offset the total cost of the project, \$750,000.00 from CDBG and another \$500,000.00 from the WDNR. This funding along with the recently signed water use agreement with Saputo Cheese will have a considerable positive impact on the water rate adjustments being worked on by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The Village is currently working with the financial advising firm of Ehlers, one of the top leaders in public finance, to finalize the numbers to be submitted to the PSC. Understand please that the Village does not set the water rates. These are set by the Public Service Commission and we have not gotten any indication as to what the increase will be. Public informational meetings will be planned over the next couple of months.

As you can imagine with a project of this magnitude there were multiple meetings and lots of hours of planning involved to come up with the best possible treatment solution that would be both financially feasible and capable of delivering excellent water quality results for years to come. I would like to personally thank the Village Trustees and Employees, along with the staffs of Ayres Engineering, Saputo Cheese and Ehlers for their countless hours and perseverance.

The Planning and Development Committee has also been hard at work discussing and working on implementing the long-term growth and development plans for the 23 acre parcel owned by the Village. Conceptual lot plotting and street layout mapping have been completed and can be reviewed in more detail at the Village Hall. Part of the long term plan includes the future expansion and development of our existing Dairy Fest Celebration grounds and potential park area for our residents to enjoy.

Hopefully before the snow flies we will see the new street signs start to appear on Main Street. This is another project that this Committee has worked hard on to deliver. The new signs are required in order to meet MUTCD compliancy. Main Street will be the first phase of the project to get completed. The new signs and posts will definitely improve and add a little character to our Main Street.

As always, I encourage you to take an active role in the Government of your Village. Meeting notices are posted at the Village Hall, Post Office, Library and on the Village Website. Your feedback and comments are appreciated. Enjoy the Fall weather!

Lena Village of Lights

Sunday November 30th 5 p.m.

Santa at Village Hall

Holiday Movie at Lena Public Library 3:30 p.m.

Poinsettia & Wreath Sale—FFA Christmas tree sale—Kugel Cheese

Caroling and business specials

Please help our Village "Shine". We are asking the businesses and residents to decorate for the holidays.

If you have any questions please call the Village at 920-829-5226.



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Property Tax

Payments!

When paying property taxes in cash please bring the correct amount!

Outdoor water meters are due back at the Village by November 1st!

TRICK OR TREAT!

October 31st!

Hours: 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Be sure to stop at the Village Hall for treats.



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Test Yours Every Month!

Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014



Credit Card Services Available!

To provide the Village of Lena residents with payment options we are now accepting credit/debit cards. All major credit cards can be used. Garbage bags, water/sewer bills, and property taxes can all be paid using your credit/debit card! Please allow a few extra minutes when planning to use your credit card.

PRIMARY ELECTION

November 4, 2014

Polls are open 7 a.m.—8 p.m.

Voter Photo ID is in effect !



Water & Sewer Billing

Did you know that you can pay on your water/sewer bill monthly or set up a payment plan? By making monthly installments it might be easier to budget your payments. Stop in the Village Hall for more information. We would be happy to help you!

Village Quarterly Schedule

October

Oct. 1-Wage & Pers. 6 p.m.
Oct. 6 - Utility Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13-Court 4 p.m.
Oct. 14 - Finance Mtg. 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 - Village Board 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31-Halloween

November

Nov. 3-Utility 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 5-Wage & Pers. 6 p.m.
Nov. 10-Court 4 p.m.
Nov. 11-Finance 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 17-Village Board 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 27-Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 30—Village of Lights

December

Dec. 1-Utility 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 3-Wage & Pers. 6 p.m.
Dec. 8-Court 4 p.m.
Dec. 9-Finance 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 15-Village Board 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 25-Christmas