

Village of Lena News



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Office will be closed: Christmas Eve Day, Christmas, New Year's Eve Day & New Years.

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

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Happy Holidays!

Message from President Marquardt: It's hard to believe that it is December already and another year is coming to an end! Last weekend was the Village of Lights event in town and the town looked great! A big thank you to the Village of Lights Committee and our Village Employees for their hard work to "dress" Main Street in the colors of Christmas and for planning the many events on December 2nd. Santa was very busy greeting the kids and the horse drawn wagon ride through Village was a huge success. I also wanted to thank our local businesses who participated or made donations. As I drove through the neighborhoods in our Village this week, I was impressed at how many homes and businesses were decorated for the holidays. Be sure to get out and see the lights and decorations.

2017 brought with it many challenges and successes. Severe summer weather brought downed trees and home and property damage a few times. It was nice to see with how friends, family and neighbors came together to help those in need.

Revolution Industrial Services purchased the old Videos And Store and Mid States Blade and Chain building on Main Street. The renovation work that they did on the vacant main street building is very impressive and is a step in the right direction for revitalizing our Main Street District.

I feel very encouraged by the progress our Standing Committees have made throughout the year. One of my goals as Village President was to get our Standing Committees aligned and accountable for working on issues and improvements. This operational concept is now the normal operating procedure for our Village governing body and has been very effective.

Another area of improvement over the past year has been in regards to our pro-active operational strategy effectiveness. This approach requires that we have a better understanding of our critical processes and conditions of our infrastructures and equipment. It allows us to prioritize our capital spending on a planned basis rather than a reactive one. The long term goal is to have all of the Villages major assets on our capital improvement plan which will allow us to better predict and plan our future budgets, while improving the overall infrastructure and equipment health of our Village. This approach is required in order for the Village Board to assure the Village residents the high level of services they have come to expect while operating within the Department of Revenue's tax levy limitations.

We also saw improvements made to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Structure with new energy efficient windows, doors and new boiler installations. A steel roof will also be installed within the next couple of months. These upgrades will make this structure virtually maintenance free for many years to come along with reducing energy consumption. The Village Utility Department was also able to replace one of its aging trucks.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Thank you for choosing to live in Lena, to work here, or own a business here, to shop locally, or come to worship in one of our many churches, attend our schools or just visit here. As always, we would love to have you get involved in making a difference in our Village. I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

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)

Business Spot Light— Bayland Sealcoating

Bayland Sealcoat is an Asphalt Maintenance Contractor specializing in patching, crack filling, sealcoating and lot striping. We're located in the former Tim's auto, Nadler Auto building. Bayland Sealcoat started operating in 2010 and has grown every year since. Providing quality work at competitive prices is what we strive to do. We look forward to servicing the community and surrounding areas and getting involved whenever possible. Owners Nick, Mary Jo Heise and family moved to Village of Lena in April 2016.



Thank You from the Lena Village of Lights/Lena Promotions Committee

The Lena Promotions Committee wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Lena Village of Lights. A beautiful night to enjoy the horse drawn wagon rides, music, caroling, and Santa plus the business specials. The Village looked amazing with all the lights on display. Plans are in the works for next year. If you would like to join in everyone is welcome. Call the Lena Village Hall for more information. Happy Holidays!

Public Works/Utility Report

The Public Works Committee would like to take an opportunity to update Lena residents on some of the work that has and is being done in the Village this season.

Your public works/utility crew (Larry, Doug and Brad) have been quite busy this summer and fall. One main event was the wind-storm this summer which resulted in many, many trees and large branches being felled in yards and streets. After a lot of work, the crew got it all cleaned up and ground up. This resulted in a huge pile of wood chips at the compost pile area. Speaking of the compost area, the crew has been working diligently to get that area cleaned up and functional for compost for the public. This area is provided by the village as a convenience for you. Please do your part by dumping only biodegradable matter and not trash. Along with all the tree damage, most of our flags and poles were damaged. All these have now been replaced.

Reflecting the change of seasons, the crew have replaced the flags with our Holiday Decorations which I think look beautiful. Brad spent quite a bit of effort in replacing burned out bulbs, a task that needs to be done every year. Thanks guys!

Several water shut off valves had to be replaced this summer, so you may have seen a lot of digging up of curbs and street. The village's infrastructure is aging and more and more repair/maintenance is being required.

Looking toward the winter season, several manholes have been built up so the snowplow truck doesn't hang up the plow blade when plowing and doesn't damage the plow. We got our supply of road salt from the County Highway dept and have the plow truck in good shape so the crew is ready for the inclement weather and keeping your roads cleared. Please note the village ordinance Ord 277-10 (copy available at village hall) regarding snow & ice removal from sidewalks. Let's keep our village safe for pedestrians. Thanks.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding public works, please inform the village clerk and she will forward them to the Public Works Committee or you are welcome to come to a committee meeting.

Village Quarterly Schedule

January

Jan 8—Court 4 p.m.
Jan 9—Finance Mtg. 2:45 p.m.
Jan 15—Village Board 6:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 12-Court 4 p.m.
Feb. 13 Finance 2:45 p.m.
Feb. 19 Village Board 6:30 p.m.

March

Mar. 12-Court 4 p.m.
Mar.13-Finance 2:45 p.m.
Mar. 19-Village Board 6:30 p.m.