

Village of Lena News

Small Community—Great Opportunity



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Animals At Large

Per Village Ord. 120-6 C : No person having in his possession or ownership any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the Village. A leash not to exceed 10 feet in length and under control of a person physically able to control it must be used. Violators shall receive a Citation for \$92.50 for 1st offense.

President's Message—Steve Marquardt

I would like to start by thanking those individuals who responded to the questionnaire that was sent out with the last Newsletter. Your opinion and feedback plays a crucial role in guiding the Village into the future. I was glad to see that most of the responders found that this quarterly Newsletter was a beneficial way of obtaining information. Most of the responders have been residents in the Village for over 10 years and were over the age of 55. The feedback provided through the survey was favorable in all categories. Following is a summary of what was collected.

General Government Services: The overwhelming majority of those who responded were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the overall quality of services provided by the Village in relation to the amount of taxes paid. There was a mix of responses as it relates to property assessments. The majority felt that they were fairly assessed, but others felt they were over assessed. Each year in early May, the Board of Review meets per state statute. This process allows the taxpayers time to examine assessment data and the opportunity to file objections where they can be presented to the Board of Review during a public hearing. I encourage you to plan on attending next year's Board of Review if you feel you are being over assessed.

All of the services the Village provides were noted as being favorable with the respondents, specifically stating that they were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the services being provided by the Clerk/Treasurers Office, Water, Sewer, Street Departments, Public Safety and Library. The majority who responded also reported that they felt the fees associated with the services were appropriate and in some cases good bargains.

The survey also indicated that the areas that need the most attention were streets, sidewalks and other infrastructures. Also noted were concerns with Economic Development, Education and Fiscal responsibility.

In closing, I sincerely appreciate the time those who responded took to provide us their feedback. While we feel good about the responses received on most of the survey, we know we have work to do in other areas. The survey provided us with a better perspective on what our residents felt were important issues to them and where the Village leadership needs to focus their attention.

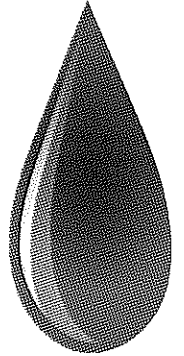
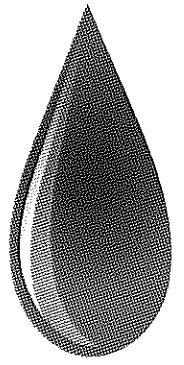
As always, you are welcome to bring any concerns you have to our attention at a Village Board meeting or by reaching out to a Board member. We value your opinion. Enjoy the summer months!

Water Leaks—Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission, governs the water the Village has. Per the Public Service Commission "Water losses (leaks) that occur on the premises, which are registered by the water meter, shall be the **responsibility of the customer or the owner of the property**. It is the sole responsibility of the customer to monitor their metered water and prevent leakage in all piping and fixtures on the premises at and beyond the metering point. Leaks or other losses of water registered by the meter will be billed at the normal rates." Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year, the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry," said PSC Chairperson Phil Montgomery. "As a WaterSense partner, we are encouraging consumers to find and fix leaks to save water in our community. "To help save water for future generations, the PSC is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes, and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.

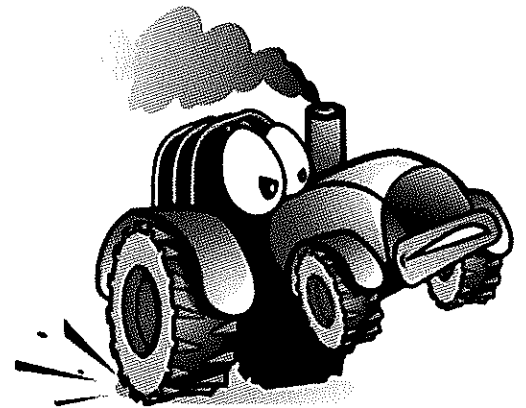
Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections. To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom replace the fixture if necessary. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.



July 4th—Happy Birthday America!

**Lena Snow Drifters
Annual Truck, Tractor &
Lawn Mower pull
Saturday July 7th**

St. Anne's Fairgrounds, E. Main St., Lena, WI
5 p.m.



Rummage SALE

Lena Area Rummage Sales July 20th & 21st

Register to be on the map for \$5. Deadline is Friday July 13th. Contact the Village hall.

**Lena Fire Department Annual
Fireman's Dinner**
Sunday August 5 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.
200 S. Second St. Lena, WI
(Fire Station)



National Night Out Tuesday August 7th

Tuesday, August 7th the Lena neighborhood will join forces throughout the nation for the 32nd Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. From 5-8 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Grounds, the Lena Police Department will have activities for everyone to participate in. Eagle III, Oconto County K-9 unit, coloring contest, dunk tank, Oconto Falls Ambulance, Lena Fire Department, Tae Kwan Do demonstration, bouncers, and other emergency vehicles. Hope to see you there!

**Family Movie Night Friday August 10th
7 p.m. Lena School small gym**

Movie title to be announced.

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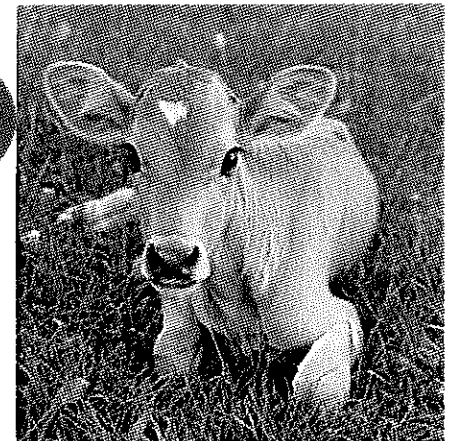
www.villageoflena.net

Hours: M-Thurs 7:30-4 p.m.

Friday 7:30—11:30 a.m.

Lena Dairyfest 2018

Saturday September 8th
5K Run/Walk 8 a.m. * Parade 10 a.m.
Music—Food—Entertainment—Fun
St. Anne's Fairgrounds



Village Quarterly Schedule

July

July 4—Independence Day
July 7—Snow Drifters Truck Pull
July 9—Court 4 p.m.
July 10—Finance 6 p.m.
July 16—Board 6:30 p.m.
July 20—Lena Rummage Sales
July 21—Lena Rummage Sales

August

August 7—National Night Out
August 10—Movie Night
August 14 Finance 6 pm
August 13- Court 4 p.m.
August 20—Board 6:30 p.m.

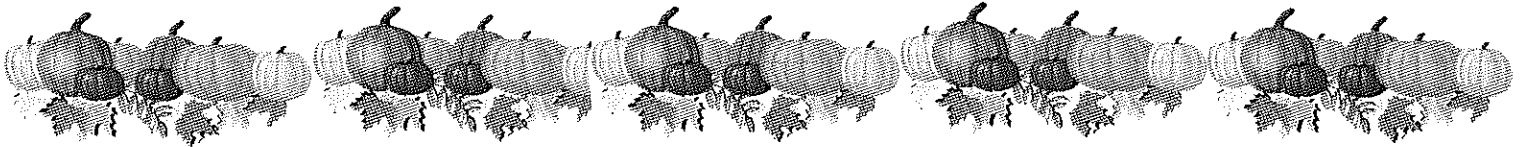
September

Sept. 3—Labor day
Sept. 8—Dairyfest
Sept. 10—Court 4 p.m.
Sept. 11—Finance 6 p.m.
Sept. 17-- Board 6:30 p.m.

3rd Annual Lena's Taste of Fall Saturday October 6th



Craft and Farmers Market, Barbeque cook-off, Chicken Booyah, Music, Antique Engines, Mad Dog & Merrill, North Country Kickers Dance Demo & Lesson, cookie and pumpkin decorating and more!



Sign Up For E-Billing for Water/Sewer.

E billing is now available for your water/sewer bills. If you are interested please stop in at the Village Hall to complete the form to change your billing to email. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. This includes trimming around buildings, trees, curbs, etc. Please do NOT blow your grass cuttings into the street. It plugs the storm sewers!

Burning Permits are available at the following locations:

DNR Oconto Falls Ranger Station 195 E. Highland Drive, Oconto Falls, WI
Diane Lavarda, 5750 Butterfly Lane, Lena, WI or Abrams Town Hall, 5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI.
You can also go online at www.DNR.wi.gov to apply for a permit.

Landlords: Remember it is your responsibility to notify the Village regarding a tenant moving in or out as soon as possible especially if the water bill is in the tenant's name. Be sure to get a forwarding address. Failure to notify could cause delinquent bills to be place on your property tax bill. Thank you for your cooperation.