

Village of Lena News

Small community—Great Opportunity



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Message from President Marquardt:

Since becoming Village President, I have been researching What Makes a Small Town Thrive. Through my research, a few common themes stood out in almost every article that I read:

A community is only as good as the people who reside within it.

The Education system is the center of many rural communities.

Faith and strong family values are the center point.

A feeling of openness, feeling welcomed and involvement by the people.

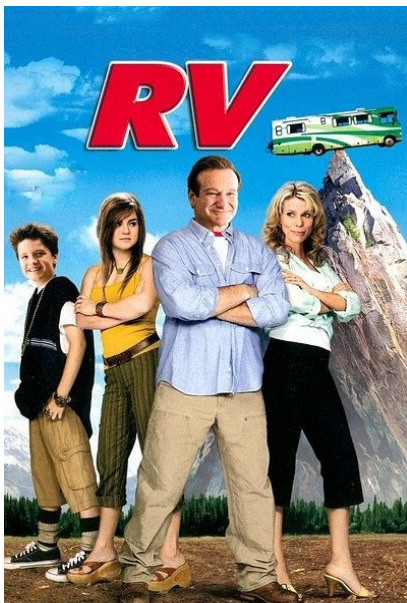
One of the things I have thankfully noticed in my role is that we have numerous active groups in our community. Sometimes it seems like it comes down to a small group of people who are willing to take charge and lead a group or event. At any rate, the groups that are active here continue to do good things for our Community.

So now I ask myself, how do we get more Community involvement? Residents have many talents that would be useful in helping jumpstart activity in our village. Can we tap into yours? Would you assist us in welcoming new village residents? Or, participating in the Promotions Committee to plan and hold Village events such as the Village of Lights Christmas event, Movie night, Kickball Tournament? Are you good at Marketing and would like to assist with letting people know what we have to offer? Do you have ideas on how to make Main Street “hopping” again or beautification of the Village? Or, do you have ideas that you would like to bring to the Village Board meeting? Or, just come and listen.

I grew up just a few miles West of Lena and remember coming into town on Friday night or Saturday morning and seeing activity at the feed mill, hardware store, barber shop or beauty salon, people getting groceries, taking care of their banking, stopping at the bakery, etc. Fund raisers would be taking place for the betterment of a cause at the Bank, on Main Street, at the School, etc. Things were hopping on Main Street in Lena. Wouldn't it be nice to see that again? How can we attract businesses back that were once thriving?

As a final thought, I wanted to thank those who were involved in planning and working at the 1st Annual Kick Ball Tournament and the Annual Dairyfest events. We had great turnouts at both events. Let's make next years even better!

As always myself and Village Board welcome your thoughts and opinions and look forward to hearing your ideas that will continue to make Lena the place to be a part of.



Family Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday September 19th

St. Anne's Parish Grounds

Concession open at 6:30 p.m.

Movie at 7 p.m. FREE Popcorn.

Hamburgers, Brats, Hotdogs, soda/water.

While supplies last. NO Carry ins!

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Property Tax

Payments!

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

Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council, Inc.

Imagine all the times we read during our day: was it the cereal box as we ate breakfast, the morning newspaper, then e-mails, directions to a new location, memos at work then at home, maybe helping a child with homework or even reading for pleasure? Now, imagine being unable to read or speak English and trying to get through our day, wondering if others are aware of the struggle.

Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council, a non-profit organization and officially just three years old, was formed in response to those needs. Most areas in WI had a literacy council but ours had none prior to this Council forming. Covering all of Marinette and Oconto counties is a large area however, trained tutors are matched with adult students from the same location. The tutor and student then meet one on one weekly in a public location, as a library, using materials provided by the Council that is appropriate for the student's learning level. The tutor and student work towards goals established by the student for an approximate 6 month period although many choose to continue longer. The Board of Directors represents both counties and hail from a variety of backgrounds. All Board members and tutors are volunteer. Being a non-profit organization, the Council relies on grants, fundraisers and donations to maintain itself. Since its inception, 35 tutors have been trained yet there still remains a waiting list of students. To be a tutor, one must attend a 12 hour training session.

Credit should be given to the adult student who comes forward requesting assistance to read, write or speak English. It takes courage to step forward to ask for help with a skill that many of us take for granted.

For further information on becoming a tutor or questions about making a referral or a donation, contact Janet @ 920-897-4422. Web site: www.moliteracy.org

TRICK OR TREAT!

October 31st!

Hours: 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Be sure to stop at the Village Hall for treats.



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. 6—Finance meeting 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 12—Municipal Court 4 p.m.

Oct. 19—Plan Com. 5:30 p.m.

Village Board 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 31—Trick or Treat

Happy Halloween!

November

Nov. 9—Municipal Court 4 p.m.

Nov. 10—Finance 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 16—Plan Com. 5:30 p.m.

Village Board 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving

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December

Dec. 8—Finance 4:30 p.m.

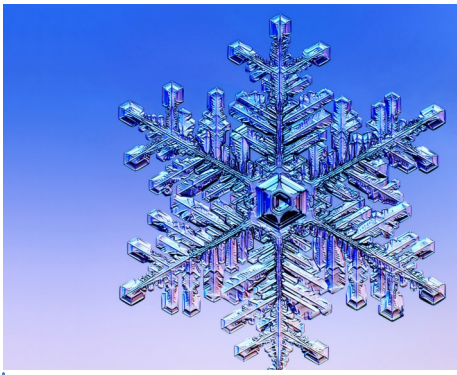
Dec. 14—Court 4 p.m.

Dec. 21—Plan Com. 5:30 p.m.

Village Board 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve-closed

Dec. 25—Christmas—closed

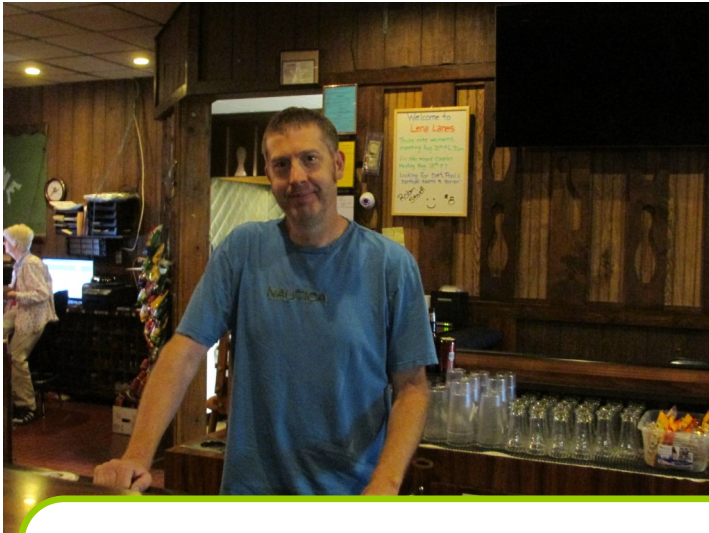


Winter Reminders

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 Lanes Is Open!



Lena Lanes is under the new management of Mark Alexa. The Lanes has been refurbished and Mark has created a new menu featuring sandwiches, pizza and much more. Fall bowling league has started. There will also be pool, dart and dartball leagues. Be sure to stop in and see Mark and welcome him to our Village.

Past Due Water/Sewer Bills

Any past due amounts that are not paid in **full** by October 20, 2015 will be added to your tax roll!



Friends of the Lena Library

The Friends of the Lena Library are looking for more "Friends"! The committee will be working to raise funds to help support and promote the Library. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. For more info call 920-829-5226.

Lena Village of Lights

Sunday November 29th

Santa at Village Hall 5 p.m.

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.



Fire Prevention Week



**Be sure to replace
your batteries in
your smoke
detectors!**

Fire Prevention Week is set for October 4-10, 2015. “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep is the theme for 2015.

“Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm”. This is advise from the National Fire Prevention Association. If you didn’t know that, you’re not alone. An online questionnaire distributed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) showed that less than half (42 percent) of approximately 36,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom of the home. Be safe! Get smoke alarms!