

Village of Lena News

Small community—Great Opportunity



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Message from President Marquardt: For a small town, we have much to be proud of. I drive by the school on my way to work every day and noticed the many appearance updates that were completed over the summer. I admire how nice the new landscaping and recent parking lot repaving looks. A BIG thank you to the Lena School District, and to our local tax payers for their support of these projects. We are very fortunate to have a school in our community!

In a past newsletter, I mentioned the many Village Board Committees that work behind the scenes to keep our Village current and moving forward. These Committees are reviewing old policies and proposing necessary changes to ordinances and systems that have not been updated in a very long time. Implementing changes in regards to how we handle nuisance violations, late payments, recycling matters or prioritizing upcoming street repaving projects and resolving long and short term financial situations.

As Village President, I am always thinking about what our future holds. As a Village Board, we are moving in the right direction and utilizing this mindset as one of the major considerations when we are planning. Here are just a few examples of efforts being made:

Finance Committee – Implementation of a Capital Improvement Plan which will allow for better financial budget planning both long and short term.

Planning Commission – Development of Rosera Business Park is a main priority. We feel confident that the Village will see activity in this area in the very near future. This will bolster the tax base with new businesses, which has the potential for new housing and increasing school enrollment numbers. Part of the Rosera Business Park design includes a buffer zone between the residential districts. The long term vision is to utilize this area as a community public park area. Conceptual designs and visioning are currently in the works. We are asking for resident feedback on what they would like to see in a park area. Please take the time to fill out the attached questionnaire and return to the Village Hall. This information will help steer the Committee in their decision making process. Obviously this is a long term undertaking that starts with a vision followed by a plan and then implementation!

The Public Safety Committee – Working on restructuring the Building Inspector contract which will allow them to be more involved with enforcement of blighted and neglected properties. They just recently completed revisions of the Fire Department By-Laws and service contracts with the surrounding townships.

Weed Committee – Working with the Village Attorney to review the current ordinances as compared to other municipalities in regards to measures of enforcement, notices and fine structure. The intent is to ensure that all residents are aware of the expectations of the ordinances and are adhering to them.

Promotions Committee- Working on ideas to improve visitor attendance within our Village to help support our local Businesses. Several upcoming events are slated, starting this fall and going right through the Holiday Season. This Committee is comprised of local business owners, residents and community leaders. Their intent is to showcase our community pride, principals, values, and togetherness by hosting events that our residents can enjoy along with trying to draw more visitors to help our local Businesses.

Public Works Committee for Utilities- Reviewed an in-depth health assessment of the Waste Water Treatment Plant that was conducted by Steve Reusser of Ayres Engineering Firm. He is considered an industry leader in this area working many years for the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District as a Process Engineer. Overall assessment of the plant was very favorable for a facility of its age. Through this process we have formulated a multi-step action plan that will address building and structure, general maintenance improvements, equipment modifications to improve electrical consumption and plant efficiencies. These are necessary types of improvements for a plant that has been in operation for over 30 years. They will enable the plant to meet new DNR regulations and provide a required service for many years to come.

Public Works Committee for Streets – Prioritized assessment approach to get the Village street system back to a manageable level. Two main areas have been identified as high priority. The Highest priority is West Maple St. This project has been delayed until next year due to the need of upgrading old sewer and water mains along this stretch. The Finance Committee is exploring funding options along with possible grant opportunities to help fund this extensive project. Repaving work will be completed yet this fall on Cedar Street and parts of 2nd Street along with the Fire Department lot. Phase two of the street sign replacement project should be completed later this fall.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and a lot to be proud of in our community. As always, we welcome your thoughts and ideas. Feel free to reach out to myself, or any of the Board members. Enjoy the fall weather!

Free Harvest Supper for Women

October 23rd 6 p.m. 7th Day Adventist Hall

Please RSVP to 920.829.5328 by

October 15th.



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

Friday 7:30—11:30 a.m.

Property Tax

Payments!

When paying property taxes
in cash please bring the cor-
rect amount!

Lena's Taste of Fall—Sat. October 1st

Wooden Shoe—Amateur Barbeque

Cook-off judging at 3 p.m.

Best Potato Salad Contest at noon.

Crafters/Vendors, bake sale, carmel apples

Lena Fire Dept. famous Chicken Booyah
on sale at Village Hall Parking lot.

Quilt raffles: Black Smithing, Music & Fun.



TRICK OR TREAT!

October 31st!

Hours: 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

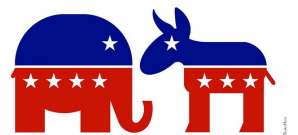
Be sure to stop at the
Village Hall for
treats.



Presidential Election

Tues. Nov. 8th

Polls open
7 a.m.—8 p.m.



Village Quarterly Schedule

October

October 1st—Taste of Fall

October 10th—Court

October 11th—Finance

October 17th—Plan Commission
5:30 p.m.

Village Board

6:30 p.m.

October 31st—Trick or Treat

November

November 8th—Finance 4:30 p.m.

November 14th—Court 4 p.m.

November 21st—Plan Com.

5:30 p.m.

Village Board

6:30 p.m.

November 24th—Thanksgiving

December

December 3rd—Village of Lights

December 12th—Court

December 13th—Finance 4:30
p.m.

December 19th—Plan Com.
5:30 p.m.

Village Board

6:30 p.m.

December 25th—Merry Christmas



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 will be effect. No vehicle is to be parked on the street between 2:30 a.m.—7 a.m., December 1-April1. 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!

Emily's Cutting Edge

A special welcome to Emily's Cutting Edge (formerly Carol's Cut & Curl). Emily Beschta started her business July 1st. Emily has worked over 8 years in the salon business and has had her manager's license for over 3 years. A graduate of WI College of Cosmetology Emily looks forward to helping everyone. Hours: Tues 9-3; Wed. 11-7; Thurs. 9-7; Fri. 9-5 and Sat. 9-noon. 920.373.5159. Check Emily out on her Facebook page.



WARNING!!

Please do NOT pour old or used cooking oil/grease down your drain. This will clog the sewer pipes and can cause sewer backups.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Welcome!

Karen Hornick is our new Deputy Clerk.

Karen has retired from the City of DePere with over 38 years of experience. She and her husband Mark now live in the Kelly Lake area. She enjoys swimming, walking, crocheting, and driving her Harley! "This position is a perfect fit and the more I learn about the Village of Lena, and the people who make it, I feel blessed to be working with you, stated Karen.

Lena Village of Lights

Saturday December 3rd

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.

New this year “Elf On the Shelf” Contest!!

Village game card and much more!

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



Past Due Water/Sewer Bills

Any past due amounts that are not paid in full by October 20, 2016 will be added to your tax roll!

Water/Sewer Utility Billing Changes

All customers are **obligated** to pay for the utility services they use. Customers have 20 days to pay their initial bill. If a customer fails to pay in **full by the due date**, a notice (mailed or personally delivered) at least 10 days before disconnecting (unless documentation of a medical or protective service emergency exists). There will be no “second” notice sent in future. Budget payments are available at most Financial institutions and you can set this up directly with them. Pre-payments can be made at any time. Your pre-payment will be credited to your account.

Fire Prevention Week

**Be sure to replace
your smoke alarm
ever 10 years!**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) today announced [“Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”](#) as the official theme for this year’s [Fire Prevention Week](#) campaign, October 9-15, 2016. The focus on smoke alarm replacement comes as the result of a recent survey conducted by NFPA, which showed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced.