

Village of Lena News



Small Community—Great Opportunity

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President's Message

Where has the Summer gone? It's hard to believe that leaves will be falling soon! I would like to start by congratulating the Lena Motorsports Club on the excellent event that they held at the Dirt City Motorplex in July. The event was first class and well received by participants and spectators. A huge thank you also goes out to all that volunteered their time to help in any way. It was amazing to see what the group got done in such a short period of time! For a first-time event the coordination was phenomenal. The Dirt City group estimated more than 15,000 spectators were in town for the two day race event. Police Chief Jim Herald told me that there were no major incidents at the track, in the camping area, or in the Village over that weekend. What a great way for us to showcase our Village and who we are!

I would also like to thank the Village residents and businesses for their support of the Dirt City Motorplex, the race and the Thunder on Main event on Friday night. An estimated **2,000** people attended the Friday night event that was coordinated by the Lena Promotions Committee. Our Village has never seen a crowd like that on our Main Street! The Village looked great and I heard nothing but positive comments. Appreciation goes out to the businesses in the local area for their participation in the Friday event. The Saturday night fireworks display was sponsored by local businesses through advertising of our events. I can't wait to see what next year brings!

Sewer main infrastructure rehabilitation work was completed this summer north of the Village Hall and a portion of East Railroad St. This section was the oldest in our Village and a huge contributor of clear water infiltration into our sewer operations. This needed to be completed to reduce costs of treating clear water that enters our sewer distribution lines and home laterals thru damaged or cracked piping. Projects such as this one will continue to be a focus as we work on eliminating unnecessary operational costs. Data collection is in progress to determine the next section of piping that we plan to rehabilitate. This project came in under budget and will pay for itself by reducing operational and energy costs.

After several requests from Village residents, we will be adding a new service for our residents. A leaf collection system was purchased and will be used this fall. Please read the information section of this newsletter to better understand the schedule and process. The compost pile at the Recycling Center will still be an option.

The Village was awarded a matching grant from USDA for Public Safety purposes. The grant application submitted called out funding help to purchase a new Village Police Department Squad and monies to upgrade the antiquated Village siren. The new warning system will be capable of being triggered by the Oconto County 911 Center. Early notice of emergencies can be the difference between life and death. Thanks to our Village Clerk Char, Police Chief Herald and the Public Safety Committee for securing this funding for our Village.

Finally, it is with great excitement that I can share that a Dollar General store is interested in coming to Lena. This new addition to our Village will hopefully be the cornerstone of the Rosera Business Park and help draw other potential businesses to our Village. If all goes as planned, we should see construction start in the Spring of 2020. As you can see your Village Board, Committees and Village employees were extremely busy over the last several months. Please take a moment to thank them for their efforts the next time you see them. And as always, feel free to share any issues, concerns or improvement suggestions you may have.

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Property Tax Payments!

If possible, please use a
check or money order
when paying taxes.

LENA SAFE KIDS “WALK TO SCHOOL” OCTOBER 2ND

The 2nd annual Safe Kids Walk to School event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd. Children will begin at Lena Lanes on Harley Street, and walk to school. Sponsored by the Oconto County Health & Human Services, Lena Promotions, Lena Police and Fire Depts.

Lena’s Taste of Fall

Sat. October 5th

9 a.m.—?



Craft Market, Bounce House, Games, Pumpkin Cookie Decorating, North Country Kicker Dance Demo/Lesson, Amy Hanten “The Cooking Mom” , “The Cookie Lady” Christine De Los Santos, Blacksmith Demo, Food & Music. Wooden Shoe sponsoring Barbecue Cook-off, Potato Salad Contest, Salsa Contest, Apple Crisp Contest and Pie Eating Contest. *Come and join the fun!*

Amy Hanten to Appear at Lena’s Taste of Fall

The “Cooking Mom” Amy Hanten from WLUK TV Fox 11 will be one of the featured demonstrations for the Taste of Fall on Saturday October 5th. Amy plans to cook up some wonderful fall recipes for everyone to enjoy (while supplies last) plus having her own cookbook available for purchase.

What a great Christmas gift!!!

Also planning to attend is the “Happy Cookie Lady” Christine De Los Santos. Christine has been featured many times on Amy’s show. Mark your calendars! You don’t want to miss the food and fun!





North Country Kicker's Dance Demo

The North Country Kicker's Dance Demo team will again be kicking up their heels at the Taste of Fall. The demonstration will begin at approximately 10:30. A lesson will also be taught. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes and join in!

**Blacksmith
Demo
At
Taste
Of
Fall**

OCTOBER 6-12, 2019 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact. The Lena Firemen will be at school on Wednesday Oct. 9 approximately 2 p.m. to teach fire prevention.

TRICK OR TREAT!

October 31st!

Hours:

4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Be sure to stop at the
Village Hall
for treats.



Family Movie Night



Sat. Nov. 2nd
Lena School Small Gym
7 p.m.

Sponsored by Lena Police Dept./Promotions

Garbage bags have a limit of 40 lbs. per bag. Bags must be tied.

Remodeling or construction work: If you plan to do remodeling or any construction work please get a dumpster for your construction waste. The Village garbage bags are not strong enough for drywall, wood, etc. There is a 40 lb. limit per garbage bag!!! Thank you for your cooperation!

Utility Notice—Please do not pour grease down the sewer. This causes sewer backups in the lines. Thank you for your cooperation.

Loose Leaf Collection—As a service for its residents, the Village has acquired a leaf vacuum unit which will collect leaves directly from residences. This unit will allow the village to basically “vacuum up” the leaves at curbside. The residents will not have to dispose of leaves on their own. It is anticipated that leaf collection will occur twice a year, in spring and in fall. The public works staff and committee will determine the collection periods (dates and times) and will inform the public in advance of those periods.

Collection Process:

- *Do not place leaves in bags
- *Leaves must be placed into piles within three feet of the curbside. Do not put piles into the street, gutter or over stormwater grates so as not to clog the storm drains.
- *Do not put brush, tree limbs, grass clippings or any other material into leaf piles
- *Vehicles should remain off the curbside on the day of pickup, as the crew will not be able to gather leaves with vehicles in the way.
- *Residents may still transport their leaves to the village compost site on their own if they wish.

Lena Village of Lights

Saturday Dec. 7th

Santa at Village Hall 5 p.m. Holiday Movie at Lena Public Library 3:30 P.M.

Poinsettia & Wreath Sale—FFA Horse Drawn wagon rides

Christmas tree sale—Kugel Cheese Caroling and business specials

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



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.)

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)



Past Due Water/Sewer Bills

Any past due amounts that are not paid in **full** by October 21, 2019 will be added to your tax roll!

Village Quarterly Schedule

October

Oct. 2—Walk to School
 Oct. 5—Taste of Fall
 Oct. 8—Finance 5 p.m.
 Oct. 14—Municipal Court 4 p.m.
 Oct. 21—Village Board 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 31—Trick or Treat

November

Nov. 11—Municipal Court 4 p.m.
 Nov. 12—Finance
 Nov. 18—Village Board 6:30 p.m.
 Nov. 28—Thanksgiving
 -closed

December

Dec. 7—Village of Lights
 Dec. 9—Municipal Court 4 p.m.
 Dec. 10—Finance
 Dec. 15—Village Board 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 24—Closed
 Dec. 25—Christmas—closed
 Dec. 31—normal hours