

Village of Lena News

Small community—Great Opportunity



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Friday 7:30—11:30 a.m.

Message for the Village President:

Welcome to Summer! Based on the heat blast we have had, it could be a hot summer!

In this newsletter, I would like to talk about village ordinances, their purpose and why they are important.

Ordinances are created and adopted to serve as the guidance on how our village operates and enforces local codes. Our local ordinances make up our municipal code. Municipal governments can pass ordinances on matters that the state government allows to be regulated at the local level. The ordinance carries the state's authority and has the same effect as state [statute](#). Local codes can be more restrictive than state code but not less.

Many ordinances deal with maintaining public safety, health, morals, and general welfare. Other ordinances deal with fire and safety regulations that residential, commercial, and industrial property owners must follow. There are also ordinances that deal with public streets, sidewalks and municipal utilities. One of the most significant areas of municipal law is zoning. Zoning ordinances constitute a master plan for land use within our municipality. The village is divided into residential, commercial, and industrial zoning districts. Zoning code purpose is to conserve the value of property and to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout our Village.

Before an ordinance becomes part of the code, it must go through several procedural steps prior to being voted on for adoption by the Village Board. One of the most important steps is a public hearing. This step allows residents the opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns or endorse the proposed ordinance prior to going before the Village Board for their vote. The village's code of ordinances are routinely reviewed and proposed changes occasionally occur. New ordinances have also been enacted over the past several years. One such new ordinance that has been adopted is ORDINANCE 262-28 which is an ordinance amending the Municipal Code as it relates to sanitary sewer private laterals in the Village of Lena.

Recently property owners along West Maple Street received a letter from the village notifying them of the planned street and utility reconstruction project slated to take place along this corridor. The letter referenced the ordinance as it pertains to the private sewer laterals that are in poor condition and the authority of the Village to enforce the ordinance to have those private laterals improved by the property owner during the street reconstruction project.

The intent behind this ordinance is to eliminate the unwanted flow of clearwater into the sewer collection system that enters the system via the in adequately functioning private laterals. The addition of this unwanted clearwater has a huge impact on the overall operating costs of the wastewater treatment plant by having to treat clean groundwater. The additional costs are then ultimately left for all the end-users of the wastewater treatment plant to cover those additional costs via user rates. This is a good example of how an ordinance serves as a positive for all our residents of our community. If you would like additional information on the updated ordinance or any village ordinance, please contact the Village Hall.

As always feel free to reach out to me or any other Village board member if you have any questions regarding this ordinance or any others. Enjoy your Summer!



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
Abrams Town Hall, 5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI



Dog Walkers

Please when walking your dog , pick up your dog's feces and dispose in the appropriate manner. *Thank you.*



June 16th Wednesday 5-7 p.m.

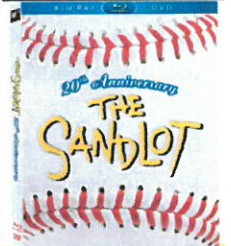
June 19th Saturday 8-noon

No construction material, furniture, etc. will be allowed.

Family Movie Night—Lena Public Library

Friday June 25, 2021 Dusk

For more information please contact the Lena Public Library.
Bring you own chairs, blankets and beverages. Snacks provided.



Lena Area Rummage Sales

Friday July 16 & Saturday July 17th

Sign up to participate at Lena Village Hall. Cost is \$5 to help pay for advertising. Deadline to be on the map is July 12, 2021. Maps will be available Friday morning at local businesses. No early maps.

Lena Snow Drifters

Annual Truck, Tractor & Lawn Mower pull
Saturday July 17th

St. Anne's Fairgrounds, 221 E. Main St., Lena, WI. 5 p.m.



**Lena Library
Summer Reading
Program.**

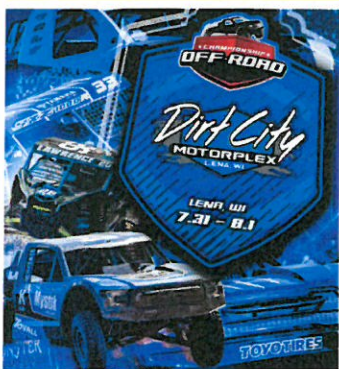


The Village of Lena does NOT accept cement blocks, concrete, chimney blocks, bricks or black top at the compose site.

It's a "cool" place!
Call for details.

40 lbs. limit on garbage bags.

Landlords, please notify your tenants.
Bags over 40 lbs. will not be picked up.

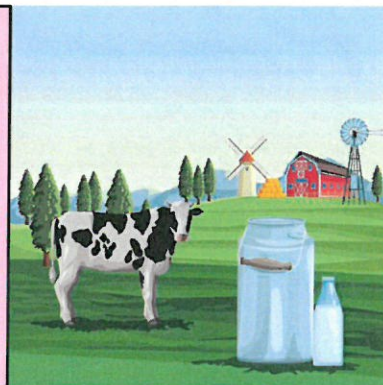


**3rd Annual Dirt City Duel
July 31st – Aug. 1st. 2021
Championship Off Road,
Off Road Nationals Pro & Sportsman**

**Lena Dairyfest 2021
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH**

5K Run/Walk 8 a.m. * Parade 10 a.m. Music—Food—
Entertainment—Fun

St. Anne's Fairgrounds, 221 E. Main Street, Lena, WI



Taste of Fall
Saturday Sept. 25th

Craft Vendors, food, music and much more. Craft vendors needed. Please contact Lena Village Hall @ 920.829.5226. Cost is \$20 per spot.

New Building Inspector for Village of Lena July 1, 2021

Tom Smith Inspections LLC

2740 Otto Court, Green Bay, WI 54313

Forms available on line at tsinspections.com.

Phone or text: 920-655-1735 or email tom@tsinspections.com

VILLAGE CENTENNIAL PLANNING BEGINS

A volunteer citizens' committee has begun planning for a celebration of our village's centennial. Tentative plans call for village-wide activities and historical emphasis during the time beginning on Dec. 6, the 100th anniversary of the State Court's declaring the Village of Lena to be a legal entity. The celebration is being planned to continue through Dairy Fest Weekend in September 2022.

We are working towards a broad coalition of efforts from our school, library, museum, churches, businesses, and other local organizations—a celebration worthy of a 100th birthday!

But one of our biggest hopes is to have ALL of you use this time to recall and share your own family's Lena history. Perhaps you will videotape grandma and grandpa or other older neighbors and relatives while they tell their stories. Perhaps you will dig through old family photos and find some gems to share. Perhaps you will write your family history so it can be shared and archived. Perhaps you will visit the Lena Historical Museum or check out the historical pictures at Village Hall to refresh your memories. Perhaps you will exchange memories with friends and neighbors. By finding your own creative ways to connect with the Lena Centennial, you can help to make it a memorable season in our village's history.

If you would like to be part of planning, organizing, and executing the centennial, you are invited to join that team. You can call Char at the Village Hall or contact Penny Borchert (906-250-3186) to get more information.

Remember When...



**Alice in
Dairyland, Joan
Engh, watching as
a man ties
provolone cheese
at Frigo Cheese
In Lena
July 26, 1960.**

VILLAGE SCHEDULE

July

July 4—Independence Day
July 12—Court 4 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.
July 13— Finance 9 a.m.
Public Works 10:30 a.m.
July 19—Board 6:30 p.m.
July 30-Aug 1—Dirt City Races

August

August 9—Court 4 p.m.
August 10— Finance 9 a.m.
Public Works 10:30 a.m.
August 16- Board 6:30 p.m.

September

Sept. 6—Labor Day
Sept. 11—Dairyfest
Sept. 13—Court 4 p.m.
Sept. 14—Finance 9 a.m.
Public Works 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 20- Board 6:30 p.m.