

Village of Lena News

Small Community—Great Opportunity



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President's Message—Steve Marquardt

Spring has arrived! We welcome the warmer temperatures, green grass, and birds singing. We have had a busy winter getting ready for Spring. Here are just a few updates.

Work is underway in the Village Hall to improve the functional ability of the meeting room. Funding was made available by the America Recovery Plan Act from the federal government. Rolling folding tables and chairs have been purchased. A new file storage closet has been constructed to free up valuable space in the meeting room. We hope to make the Village Hall meet the needs of those who need a place to host meetings. The police office has also been revamped to allow another access point into the Village Hall. New flooring, paint, upgraded LED lighting are next on the list of items to complete. The project will also include technology improvements.

The Public Safety Committee has been working on several items designed to keep our residents safe. The committee heard concerns raised regarding increased speeds on Harley and West Maple Streets. We have many walkers, joggers, bikers, and children at play on these streets. There are no sidewalks so pedestrians must share the street with vehicles. The committee recognized this as a safety concern and have recommended that stop signs be placed on these streets to try to slow traffic down. The Village Board has approved the installation of these signs. The Police Department is currently working on acquiring funding for another automatic speed sign like the one on East Main Street by the school to be placed on the West end of town. This is another area where high traffic speeds have been noticed coming into town.

Public works has plans to address our deteriorating sidewalks later this Spring/early summer. An inspection was completed last year and those areas in need of repair have been identified. Letters and a copy of the Village sidewalk ordinance will be going out soon to those property owners whose sidewalks have been flagged as needing repair. The Department will also be exploring options to automate meter readings. Planning and design work to recondition and upgrade our over 40-year-old waste water treatment plant is currently in progress. Scope of work and projected costs to complete this project should be completed later this summer. Funding help with this project will be available through the Wisconsin Clean Water Program. More to come on this.

The Planning Commission is finalizing the revision of the Village Code of Ordinances. These revisions will update, revise and refine our codes with the intent to make them more understandable and accessible on line. A public hearing will be held prior to adoption of the revised codes. The Commission also is working on a plan to improve and develop new Parks and Recreation opportunities in our Village. We will be forming a Park and Recs standing committee that will be appointed at the Village Organizational Meeting April 17th. The Committee continues to work with Oconto County Economic Development Corporation for potential new businesses and housing opportunities. OCEDC just recently completed a County wide housing study and the Village of Lena was flagged as a high need for housing. This is an opportunity that Village needs to explore as housing and new business creation are driven by each other.

Just a reminder to get out and vote on April 4. Let your voice be heard. As always, feel free to reach out to myself or any of the Board members with any comments or concerns. Enjoy Spring. ~Steve

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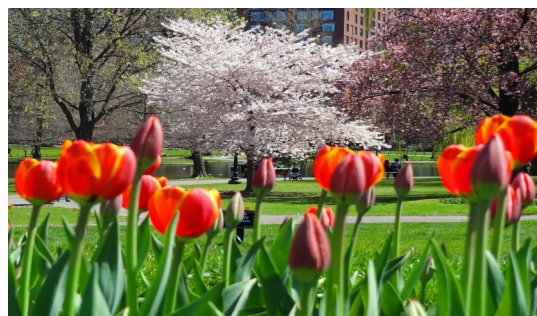
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Hours: M-Thurs 7:30-4 p.m.

Friday 7:30—11:30 a.m.



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Brush Chipping Policy

The Village of Lena chips brush on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month weather permitting or as needed. The Village will chip brush free of charge for the first ½ hour. After the first ½ hour there will be a charge of \$75.00 per ½ hour per resident.

- **All brush must be piled in an orderly fashion with all cut ends facing the street or alley.**
- **Branches may not be any larger than 5" in diameter and the brush piles may not be any higher than 4 ft. or wider than 5 ft.**
- **If a contractor trims branches or removes trees on your property it is the contractor's responsibility to dispose of such branches and trees.**
- **Branches may not be brought to the compost pit. Branches must be placed at the street or alley for the village to chip. If any resident does not follow the above stated policy the village will not chip the brush at that residence and the owner will be notified why.**

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.

Please do NOT blow your grass cuttings into the street. It plugs the storm sewers! No letters will be sent. Possible citations for offenders.



Dog License are due!!

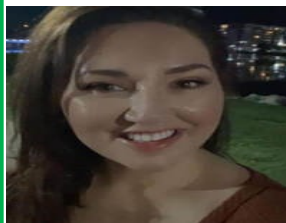
Please bring in your pet's vaccination records and register your dog. Cost: \$3 for spayed/neutered, \$8 for intact. Annual license is from Jan.-Dec. Per Village Ordinance 120.3 (2). Licenses are due by April 1st. \$5 fee for late.

Spring Election Tues. April 4

Polls open: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Vote for:

- Village Trustees (3)
- Village President (1)
- Circuit Court Judge (1)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (1)
- School Board President

If you are new to the Village be sure to stop in and register to vote.



Meet our new Librarian

We are very excited to welcome April de la Ruelle as the new director of [Lena Public Library](#).

April comes from a criminal justice background, having worked as a 911/Dispatcher for Brown County for the past 17 years. She is excited for the career change as she begins her library journey and hopes to make a difference in the greater Lena community.

April is an avid volunteer with the Wisconsin Humane Society, St. John's Homeless Shelter, NEWCAP and Golden House Domestic Violence Center. Her hobbies include; hiking, painting, collecting books and above all **READING**.

Village Quarterly Schedule

April

April 4—Spring Election
April 6—Open Book 8 to 10 am
April 10—Municipal Court 4 pm
April 10—Public Safety 6 pm
April 11—Finance 8:30 am
April 11—Public Works 10:30 am
April 17— Village Board 6:30pm
April 24-Board of Review 4 to 6 pm

May

May 8—Municipal Court 4 pm
May 8—Public Safety 6 pm
May 9—Finance 8:30 am
May 9—Public Works 10:30 am
May 15—Village Board 6:30 pm
May 20 & 21 Mayhem at the Motorplex Race

June

June 12—Municipal Court 4 pm
June 12—Public Safety 6 pm
June 13—Finance 8:30 am
June 13—Public Works 10:30 am
June 19—Village Board 6:30 pm

2nd Annual Village of Lena

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Immediately following the 9am Lena Schools PTO Easter Egg Hunt, stop at the Lena Village Hall to pick up a scavenger hunt card. Participate in Easter activities and sign up for a chance to win an Easter Basket! Fun for the whole family!



Meat & Cheese Raffle—April 22, Saturday Noon Wooden Shoe Bar & Grill

Meat and cheese, 50/50 and bucket raffles! Come and join in the fun!
All proceeds will go to the Lena Volunteer Fire Department.

Women's Self-Defense Class

*Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of the Lena Seventh-day Adventist Church
Presented by Police Chief James Herald*

*Monday, April 17 6 pm
Lena High School Small Gym*



WUMPA Truck Pulls
Saturday, May 20
Held at Dairyfest Grounds
6pm-11 pm

Lena Lion's Annual FISH FRY
Saturday April 1st, 4:30 –7:30 p.m.
St. Anne's Church Hall



Lena American Legion Doney–Degrave Post 342 Is celebrating their 100th Anniversary!

Saturday, May 20
Flag Ceremony and Color Guard at 11:00
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with beer and soda starting at noon



Dirt City Motorplex

Mayhem at the Motorplex
May 20 & 21
Champ Off-Road Races
July 29-30



Lena Area Rummage Sales Friday & Saturday July 14 & 15

Register at Lena Village Hall. Deadline to be on the map is July 7th. Cost is \$5 to offset advertising costs. .

Lena Fire Department Beef & Pork Dinner Sunday, August 6, 2023

Lena Volunteer Fire Department is looking for additional members to join the department.
If interested, stop at the Village Hall.



Changes to Maple and Harley Streets

In the last several months the Village of Lena Police Department has had numerous traffic complaints on Maple and Harley Street regarding speed. A Radar Speed Trailer was set up on Maple Street in January to help gather traffic data and show drivers their speed. East bound and west bound traffic were monitored for a week each. During that time, the radar unit recorded approximately 2,500 vehicles using Maple Street. Considering the normal route of traffic, it is

safe to assume that the 2,500 vehicles were local community traffic. The data showed that some vehicles were not following the speed limit, with a top speed monitored at 48 MPH. With safety being our main concern for village residents and especially our neighborhood children, a four way stop sign will be added and located on Harley Street at 1st Street and on West Maple Street at 2nd Street. Please watch your speed as you drive in the village.



MAPLE STREET RECONSTRUCTION, WATER AND SEWER MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT TOTAL COSTS AND FUNDING

DIRECT PROJECT COSTS:	STREET	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
DESIGN/ENGINEERING	\$27,461	\$54,100	\$51,445	\$133,006
CONSTRUCTION WORK	420,539	525,853	454,555	1,400,947
subtotal	448,000	579,953	506,000	1,533,953
OTHER RELATED COSTS:				
INTERIM FINANCING	-	7,816	6,931	14,747
LOAN CLOSING LEGAL DOCS	-	8,500	8,500	17,000
RATE STUDY AND OTHER SVCS	-	15,500	5,000	20,500
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	\$ 448,000	\$ 611,769	\$ 526,431	\$ 1,586,200
FUNDING:				
DNR ENVIRONMENTAL LOANS	\$ -	\$ 460,086	\$ 423,297	\$ 883,383
DNR LOAN FORGIVENESS	-	151,683	103,134	254,817
STATE DOT LRIP ROAD GRANT	31,152	-	-	31,152
STATE TRUST FUND LOAN	416,848	-	-	416,848
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	\$ 448,000	\$ 611,769	\$ 526,431	\$ 1,586,200

DNR Environmental loans are repaid from utility user charges.

State trust loan is repaid from the annual village property tax levy.