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Village of Lena News

Small Community—Great Opportunity



It is hard to believe that the Fall colors are starting to pop already. I am sure there are many people who love this season as much as I do!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to one of our Village family. Russ Glime passed on Saturday Sep. 2nd. He was one of our recycling attendants who was always there to offer a hand and conversation. Russ was more than just a Village employee, he was involved in our community as a leader in many groups. His passion for helping will be hard to replace. Russ made a difference and will be missed.

Lately there has been a lot of attention around PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) and drinking water. PFAS, also known as forever chemicals, are a group of nearly 15,000 synthetic chemicals found in numerous products and manufacturing processes that have been linked to causing cancer. The Village Water Department tests our wells per DNR mandates for these chemicals on a routine basis and have found zero traces.

The Public Works department has been working on developing a plan to improve our water meter program. The committee recently decided to standardize the water meters for our water distribution system, and utilize the meter's built in smart capabilities which will send data automatically and also capture data in real time. This technology will allow the water department to pinpoint high water usage issues more efficiently. The plan will allow the Village to take a systematic approach which will eventually end up with all data being automatically sent to a central data/billing collection site, trigger high use alarms and other critical information on a per resident basis. This plan will take several years to fully implement and will involve some capital to implement but will ultimately allow us to provide a better service to our customers.

The Village is hoping to do another round of sidewalk rehabilitation later this fall. Phase 1 was completed earlier this summer and was a necessary investment as it has been many years since the Village has enforced our sidewalk ordinance. The future plan is to be proactive on this ordinance and stay on top our sidewalk maintenance plan as to not allow it to deteriorate to the level that it has in the past. Thank you to Maple Valley Insurance for embracing this plan with their extensive sidewalk work done along Main and East Railroad Streets.

The Village has made a few overdue upgrades. New asphalt has been put down in the in the parking area at the Village Hall and updates have been made to the Board room. Next phase of improvements will be to update existing lighting to LED technology and take advantage of Wisconsin Focus on Energy incentives and power savings.

A big thank you goes out to the Lena Lions Club for hosting another great Lena Dairyfest and the Dirt City organization for bringing another successful race weekend to our Village. These two events allow our Village to showcase who we are to numerous visitors!

As you drive though the village, notice how nice the planters along Main Street look. Thank you goes out to Linda Hinds and the Lena FFA green house for the beautiful display. They look great.

As always, feel free to reach out to me or any of the Board members with any questions or concerns. You are welcome to join us at our next Board meeting. Enjoy the fall weather.

Lena Promotions Committee

The Lena Promotions Committee is a group of business owners and residents of the Village of Lena who work together to host events that bring awareness, recognition and pride to our community. Our goal is to assist in the growth of the Village of Lena and sustain the great community we live in.

Some of the traditional events held include:

- Easter Scavenger Hunt-Held following the Lena PTO Egg Hunt and encourages people to get to know our local businesses. Egg dying, contests, prizes and lots of fun!
- Lena Main Street Flower Pots– Drive through Main Street Lena and see all the beautiful flower pots which support the Lena FFA greenhouse.
- Village of Lights. In December, we hold this event filled with carriage rides, bingo, games, Santa and prizes. No one goes away empty handed! There is also a contest held throughout the Village for homes to share in the seasons festivities and decorate their property for the holidays. And don't forget the "Elf on the Shelf". This life size version of the Elf is found moving daily to the windows of local businesses. Find him daily and enter for a chance to win a prize.

We welcome you to join us and share in the fun! If you'd like to join us at a meeting, have a suggestion, or are looking for more information, call the Village Hall 920-829-5226 or Linda Hinds at 920-604-2810.

What's going on at the Lena Library?

September is library card sign-up month. Getting a library card is free! Earn a chance to win our adorable scarecrow by signing up for a card, referring a friend, checking out 5 books or checking out 10 total items. One entry per day.

We are also offering a FREE ticket to Jurassic World Live Tour at the Resch Center in Green Bay for children ages 2-12! You just have to read 5 books!

The Friends of the Lena Public Library Adult Spelling Bee is Saturday October 7th at the Wooden Shoe. Registration at 2pm. Admittance is \$10, which includes free appetizers and \$1 off your drink. All proceeds go to the Friends to help support the library!

Teen Night Pumpkin Painting on Thursday October 12th 6pm-8pm
Survival Fire Making Class ages 14+ on Saturday October 21st 2pm-4pm
Storytime with Lena Fire Department Friday October 27th 10:30am
Harry Potter Escape Room Monday October 30th 3pm-5pm
Trick or Treats in the Library on Halloween October 31st 3pm-6pm

Park and Recs Announcement

The Village of Lena Park and Rec Committee has been active in developing a plan for a dedicated area for a youth baseball park. This project is considered Phase 1 of the overall recreation project. Phase two and three will be announced in 2024. The Village has designated space along with funds to start development of two diamonds in the area of the water treatment plant near St. Anne's Parish property. Ground is in the process of being moved to form the diamonds with a goal of at least one field being playable in May of 2024, with the hope of having both diamonds ready at that time. Fundraising has begun and donations are being accepted, and are tax deductible. A donation recognition board will be posted online and at the Village Hall. Contact Jodi at the Village Hall with questions. The Village of Lena, the Youth Baseball Program, players and coaches appreciate your support!



The Village of Lena offers condolences to the family and friends of Russell Glime who passed away unexpectedly on September 2. Russ was always a welcome face while working at the Recycle Center, and also in the many community clubs he was involved with. He was a great man, whose smile and wit will be missed by all.

Village Compost Pile

Please drop only leaves, grass clippings and garden waste. No plastic, branches, or garbage should be dropped on the compost pile.

Garbage Pick Up Reminders

Curbside garbage pick-up in the Village is every Tuesday morning, by 8 am. Only garbage in "Village of Lena" marked bags will be picked up. These bags are available for purchase at the Lena Village Hall, Lena Library, or at the Recycle Center. Cost \$1.50 per bag. *There is a 40# limit in garbage bags and all bags must be tied.*

Loose Leaf Collection—As a service for our residents, the Village will collect leaves directly from the curbside with our leaf vacuum. You do not have to dispose of leaves on your own. ***Leaf pick-up collection will begin when the leaves start falling, weekly, until November 15.***



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, animal waste, 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.

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)



Village of Lena

920-829-5226 (Hall)
 Clerk@villageoflena.net
 Hours: M-Thurs 7:30-4 p.m.
 Friday 7:30—11:30 a.m.
 Public Works:
 Larry Shallow 920-373-5290
 Terry Earley 920-373-5324

Past Due Water/Sewer Bills

Any past due amounts that are not paid in **full** by **October 25, 2023** will be added to your tax roll **plus 10%.**

Village Board

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School is Back in Session

Please be mindful to your speed in school zones. Many children in our community walk to school. Be aware of children and crosswalks. Also, remember to stop for the school bus when lights are flashing, both in the Village and rural roads. Let's keep our kids safe!

Trick or Treat in the Village of Lena
Tuesday, October 31 from 4-6pm



WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

The Village of Lena will be flushing water mains on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The mains will be flushed starting in the morning. Please check your tap water for discoloration before washing clothes. Customers can clear discoloration by letting the cold water run until it is clear. If you have any questions or problems call the Lena Village Hall at (920) 829-5226. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

The Board approved new Stop signs have now been installed at the corners of 2nd and Harley St, 3rd and W Maple St, and 2nd and W Maple St. Please be aware of the signs and attentive while proceeding.

Remember When...

KINZIGER'S HUNTER AND FISHERMAN'S TAVERN

