

# VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

## JULY 2013

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### Would you please spare a minute to...

update Village Hall with your phone number and email address? We have included an area on your water bill remittance to provide this information. In case we need to notify you of a water main break or something else of importance, a phone number is very helpful. We have been sending out more communications to residents via email, and we would not want you to miss anything. Thank you for your cooperation!



### PLANNING A PARTY OR A PICNIC?

There are still dates available to rent Stoney Creek Park this summer. Resident and non-resident rates apply. Rental forms are available on the village website:

[www.village.fredonia.wi.us](http://www.village.fredonia.wi.us)



### THE VILLAGE IS TALKING TRASH...

and recycling too! The Village is currently negotiating a new trash/recycling contract. In an effort to keep costs from escalating too much, there may be some changes coming up that will affect Village residents. We will keep you posted of any changes that will be coming your way.



## FREDONIA VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

You may call any of the following board members with your concerns or questions:

**President:** Chuck Lapicola 262-447-2062

Office Hours Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Trustees:** Jill Bertram 692-2701  
Fritz Buchholtz 692-9470  
Don Dohrwardt 692-9650  
Lisa Dohrwardt 692-9650  
Mark Edbauer 262-353-1683  
Scott Ehaney 692-2451

**Village Board Meetings:** The Fredonia Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredonia Government Center Board Room.

**July & August meeting schedule: Thursdays July 11th and 25th, August 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

**Plan Commission:** The Fredonia Plan Commission meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredonia Government Center.

**Architectural Control Board:** The Architectural Control Board meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredonia Government Center.

**Other** committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Please check the bulletin board in front of the Fredonia Government Center, at Port Washington State Bank and at Associated Bank for notices of all committee and board meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

Sign up for our “**Friends of Fredonia**” email list. Stay up to date by receiving all board & committee notices as well as our newsletter. Email [stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us](mailto:stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us) to be added today!

**WATER & SEWER RATES INCREASE  
EFFECTIVE  
AS OF JUNE 28, 2013**

Effective June 28, 2013 the Fredonia Water & Sewer Utility increased water & sewer rates by 3 percent. Below is a summary of the new rates:

**SEWER RATES  
QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE**

5/8" meter	\$47.30
1" meter	\$70.95
1 1/2" meter	\$118.24
2" meter	\$189.20
3" meter	\$307.44
4" meter	\$472.99

Plus volume charges of \$3.69 per 1,000 gallons of sewer discharged.

**WATER RATES  
QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE**

5/8" meter	\$8.02
1" meter	\$14.21
1 1/2" meter	\$25.93
2" meter	\$37.05
3" meter	\$74.06
4" meter	\$117.31

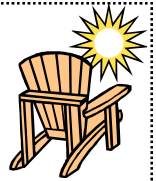
**PLUS CONSUMPTION CHARGES**

1st 30,000 gal.	\$1.48/M gal.
Next 70,000 gal.	\$1.34/M gal.
Next 200,000 gal.	\$1.15/M gal.
Over 300,000 gal.	\$ .99/M gal.

The Fredonia Water & Sewer Utility offers residents the option of installing a second meter for outside use only. The meter is provided by the Village. However, you will need to contact a plumber to determine the cost of installation of the meter. There is a \$2.00 minimum charge per quarter on the additional 5/8" meter, plus consumption charge for water only. We recommend any new homeowner putting in a lawn consider this option. You will not be charged any sewer fees on this second meter, therefore saving you \$3.69 per 1,000 gallons of usage.



**WARM WEATHER REMINDERS:**



- **Dog Owners** - Please be considerate and quiet your barking dog as your neighbors may have their windows open. Also, when you walk your dog, be sure it is on a leash and that you clean up after it. Report any dogs at large to Ozaukee County Sheriff's department 262-284-7172.
- **Length of lawn and grasses** - shall not exceed eight inches on lots and parcels of land. Village ordinance prohibits cutting or blowing grass onto Village streets.
- **Tree Trimming Required** - Village Ordinance 6-4-7 requires that all trees on private property in the Village with branches extending over a public sidewalk be trimmed so that no branches hang over the sidewalk lower than eight feet above the sidewalk.
- **Tornado Season** - If a Tornado Warning is issued for Fredonia, the siren will sound for three minutes. Please take shelter immediately as this warning means that a tornado sighting has been confirmed. The siren will also sound for testing purposes on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from March through November.
- **Curfew** - Persons under the age of 16 are not allowed out after 11:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, except when attending a school function or returning home from their place of employment.
- **Bicyclists** - Bicycle riders must obey the same traffic rules as automobiles. For safety, bicycles should be ridden single file on the far right side of the road.
- **Basketball Hoops** are not to be placed in the roadway. They are not only a traffic hazard, but it also encourages children to play in the road, which is dangerous.
- **Village Parks** close at 9:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. People in the parks after hours are subject to a fine.
- **Motorized Scooters** are not legal on streets unless the operator is a licensed driver.
- Village Code **prohibits** hunting, discharging of firearms - including B.B. guns and paintball guns, or explosives - including fireworks within village limits.
- **Keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.** Most thefts occur when your doors are unlocked.

## BICYCLE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

### What parents need to know

With summer upon us, kids are anxious to get out and ride bikes. It is important for parents to teach the importance of bicycle safety at an early age, so that good habits become permanent - and to prevent injuries. Here are some helpful tips:

- ◆ Always follow the safety rules and traffic laws.
- ◆ Ride right. Bikes travel with traffic, not against it. Ride on the right hand side of the road. Children 12 and under are permitted to ride on village sidewalks.
- ◆ Use hand signals when turning.
- ◆ Before you cross a street
  - Use a crosswalk if you can.
  - Stop and look: LEFT, RIGHT & LEFT AGAIN.
  - If a car or truck is coming, wait until they are gone before you start to cross.
- ◆ Watch for uneven surfaces like potholes, cracks, rocks, railroad tracks and storm grates.
- ◆ It is always smart to wear a bike helmet. Parents should set an example and wear one too.

Finally, reckless bike riding is never acceptable at any age - teach your kids that it is not ok to ride in the middle of the road, or to swerve around mail carriers and other delivery vehicles.



**Be safe and have fun this summer!**

## EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

The emerald ash borer beetle has made its way to the Fredonia Area. How do you know if your ash tree has EAB (emerald ash borer)?

- ◆ Is it a true ash? (EAB only kills true ash, **not** mountain ash)
- ◆ Does it have 3 or more symptoms?

Symptoms include:

1. Thinning crown
2. Bark chipped off by woodpeckers
3. New growth on trunk
4. S-shaped tunnels beneath bark
5. D-shaped holes on back
6. Bark splits

Currently, the DNR recommends treating or removing infected trees. For more information, visit the Wisconsin DNR website:

[www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov).

## SAVE MONEY & PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT INSTALL A RAIN BARREL!



Recycle rainwater from your roof into a 55-gallon barrel and use stored water to provide for gardens, flowers and trees during dry spells. Rain barrels conserve groundwater, help keep excess water out of sewer systems and prevent rain from becoming polluted stormwater runoff, one of the biggest threats to clean water in the U.S. Harvested rainwater may also be used for houseplants, auto cleaning, window washing and many other household chores.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Although the holiday season is less than six months away, planning for it starts much earlier (like now!)

If any non-profit group is interested in decorating a small tree by the gazebo area next to the Post Office, please contact Village Hall at 692-9125. Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

Building permits are required for any new construction, any structural change, or any project that exceeds \$500 in value. Permits are needed for decks, sheds, most remodeling projects, installation of a bay or bow window, and basement fix-ups. If you aren't sure if a permit is needed, please check with the village hall at 692-9125 **before** you begin. Some permit applications need to be reviewed by the Architectural Control Board, so allow plenty of time to obtain your permit. A permit is **NOT** needed for re-siding or re-roofing. Finally - if you are not doing the work yourself, be sure to check the contractors credentials to make sure they are bonded or insured.



## WARNING SIGNS OF A STROKE

Learn the many warning signs of a stroke. Act **FAST** and **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY** at any sign on a stroke. Use **FAST** to remember the warning signs:

- F FACE:**  
Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A ARMS:**  
Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S SPEECH:**  
Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- T TIME:**  
If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.

**Note the time when any symptoms first appear.**

If given within three hours of the first symptom, there is a FDA-approved clot buster medication that may reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke. There are also other types of stroke treatment available that may help reduce the effects of a stroke. Other stroke symptoms may include: sudden numbness or weakness in face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body), confusion, trouble speaking, seeing, or walking. Call 911 immediately if you have any of these symptoms - every second counts!

## DIRECT PAYMENT OF YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL

In these busy times, we are all looking for ways to simplify our lives. Not having to worry about getting your water bill paid on time would make life easier, right? The Village offers direct payment of your water & sewer bill from your checking or savings account. All you need to do is fill out a quick form with your checking or savings account information, and then your payment will automatically be deducted from your bank account on the due date. We will continue to mail you a bill which states that your payment will be automatically deducted and the withdrawal date. No hassles, no worries, no late fees! Our Water & Sewer Automatic Payment Authorization form is available on our website [www.village.fredonia.wi.us](http://www.village.fredonia.wi.us) or stop at Village Hall, and we will get you started. Of course, you may continue to mail your payment, or drop it off at Village Hall, at Port Washington State Bank or at Associated Bank. At this point, the Village does not accept debit or credit cards for payment of your water bill.

Is anyone missing a tackle box from their vehicle?

If so, please contact the Village Hall at 692-9125.



## A BIG THANK YOU to the Fredonia Lioness-Lion's

for organizing the 2013 Fredonia Area Rummage Sale this year. The Lioness-Lion's do a lot for our entire community in many ways, and we really appreciate all that you do!

