

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

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Letter from our Village President... Chuck Lapicola

Hello Fredonia!

In my last letter, I talked about accomplishments, but now it is time to follow up on what we have going or will be doing this summer and fall.



I am sorry to report that Fredonia Avenue has fallen back another year. We in the Village will try to keep things going and prepare for the construction. We are planning to line the main sewer west of Fillmore Street to complete the sewer improvements. We also need to place a 12" water main the length of Fredonia Avenue from Highland Drive to Edmaro Street. This might be held up until we go to design with Fredonia Avenue. We are all doing the best we can but remember this is not our road but is a county road.

The burying of utilities has lost in the referendum, but I am continuing to explore possibilities which would be no cost or low cost. Stay tuned on this as I will share any developments as they become available.

Because of not going to design with Fredonia Avenue, there will be somewhat of a surplus in our budget, and we are planning to advertise several paving projects on Martin Drive, North Milwaukee Street and Fillmore Street. These will be done as funds permit and will be a typical grind and overlay.

In the last year, I have had several people complain that they cannot walk in the village without having dogs run at them and bark wildly. This upsets folks as they don't know when they will be attacked or their pet will be attacked. Please remember that within the Village limits, dogs must be kept on a leash. This is for everyone's protection including your dog's. We require licenses not because we want to charge extra money, but to ensure dogs get rabies shots to protect the dogs and those people and dogs in contact with them. On our streets and in our parks, people should not have to be in fear of meeting people with dogs because they have them running loose. If seen by our police force, you will be ticketed. One more thing, please pick up after your dog especially in the parks. Dogs can have worms which can be transferred to humans (children who are bare foot) simply by them walking in an area where dogs have left their feces. Show your pets and neighbors that you care about your pet – keep them on a leash (so they will not be run over) and pick up after them.

Our fire department has ordered a new water hauling truck which was sorely needed. The old truck was 25 years old and underpowered. You might ask why do we need a tanker when we have hydrants to draw water from. There are still a few areas in Fredonia which do not have hydrants to draw water from plus some of our contracted coverage area is in the country where there are no hydrants. Additionally last summer when we had a power outage, someone had told the fire department that they could not use the hydrants as one fire might drain the tank, and we had no generator to start the pumps with. That has been remedied since we now have purchased a generator. What that meant was that the fire department would need to haul water with the truck for any structural fires. Be assured that we would have used whatever was necessary to protect lives and property in Fredonia including draining our tower dry, but this did point out the need for a water truck. Now it is on order.

Celebrate Fredonia has been cancelled for this summer due to low interest levels and lack of volunteers. Hopefully, we will see it come back in the near future even better than before.

As an Arbor Day project and celebration, the Fredonia Lions, Lioness/Lions, Ecology Club, Boy Scouts, Wisconsin DNR and Village of Fredonia jointly worked together to plant 260 trees in a flood plain area of Marie Kraus Park. Again, I wanted to thank all involved for the great service to the Village and to future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Chuck Lapicola
Village President

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. 
- **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.
- **Water Meter Register Access** - Keep bushes trimmed and do not place anything in front of the outside water meter registers so that the village crew will have an easy view when reading meters. Gates and fences **must** be unlocked to gain access to your water meter.
- **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. Bicycle helmet use is encouraged. 
- **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.

HOT WEATHER TIPS for your health



To help keep cool this summer, here are some tips to keep safe in hot weather:

1. **Never leave children, disabled persons or pets in a parked car - even briefly.** Temperatures in a car can become life threatening within minutes. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car even with the windows cracked slightly can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.
2. **Keep your living space cool.** Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in. If you don't have an air conditioner, open windows to let air circulate. When it's hotter than 95 degrees, use fans to blow hot air out of the window rather than to blow hot air on to your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.
3. **Slow down and limit physical activity.** Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark, when temperatures are cooler.
4. **Drink plenty of water and eat lightly.** Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.
5. **Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light colored clothing.** Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool, and don't forget sunscreen!
6. **Don't stop taking medication unless your doctor says you should.** Take extra care to stay cool, and ask your doctor or pharmacist for any special heat advice.
7. **Infants should drink breast milk or formula to get the right balance of water, salts and energy.** You may supplement your infant's fluids with an additional 4 to 8 ounces of water per day, but don't dilute formula beyond what the instructions say (unless directed by your doctor).
8. **Taking a cool shower or bath will cool you down.** A shower or bath will actually work faster than air conditioner. Applying cold wet rags to the neck, head and limbs also cools the body down quickly.

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.



DIRECT PAYMENT OF YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL

We have had an overwhelming response of residents who have signed up for direct payment of their water and sewer bill from their checking or savings account, and the comments have been positive! 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. No hassles, no worries, no late fees! Call 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. Give it a try - you will be glad that you did!



SURVEY SAYS!

Results from our Spring Survey

The responses from the survey that was mailed with that last water billing have been recorded. Thanks to all of the residents who took the time to complete and return the survey. We had an estimated 21% of residents return a survey to us. Here is a recap of the answers:

Question#1: Should the Village of Fredonia build a bicycle/walking trail connecting the parks trail which ends on Wheeler Avenue with a location on Fredonia Avenue either by the Regal Drive intersection or by the Highland Drive intersection?

- 66% yes
- 31% no
- 1% undecided
- 2% comments only

Question#2: Should the Village of Fredonia attempt to purchase 5-10 acres of land between Meadowbrook Drive and the developed lots on Saint Rose Avenue for adding to Fireman's Park when a small addition is built on the fire department building and more parking is needed.

- 66% yes
- 31% no
- 1% undecided
- 2% comments only

Question#3: Do you support a raise for committee meetings, and the Village President. Pay for meetings and the Village President have not been increased since 2000 and would not take effect for one to two years.

- 52% yes
- 45% no
- 2% undecided
- 1% comments only

The Village Board will be taking these results into consideration. Thanks again!

THANKS!

The 2012 Fredonia Area Rummage Sale was a big success. Thank you to everyone who participated. The Fredonia Lioness will be having a rummage sale again next year!