

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

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Letter from Village President

Hello Fredonia-

It is now summer vacation for kids (and some lucky adults), and we all need to watch out for kids playing, riding bikes, and crossing streets. Please drive carefully and protect our kids.



Updates on projects:

- 1) Fredonia Avenue: The bids came in about double what they should have been and for that reason, your village board voted to remove the high items rather than having village residents pay outrageously high prices for sewer lining and lateral work. This work will still be done, but not in the road contract. We will have a separate contract to do the sewer work and water main work prior to next spring's road work. The amount of disruption should remain about the same as water and sewer improvement needed to be done prior to street work. Because Fredonia Avenue is a county road, the county wants to readvertise for next year, and even though we would like to go ahead, they feel there is not enough time to put down asphalt this year after completing all work - so another delay.
- 2) Water main replacement: The water main replacement project under Fredonia Avenue will be advertised as soon as it is ready as a stand-alone project (next few weeks). It will then be advertised and contracted. Sewer work also will be advertised and contracted soon.
- 3) Gas Line Project - The WE Energies company has assured me they will get the project done as soon as possible. Currently, they are leak testing the main line and will be connecting branches to that. The rain is delaying the work as rain delays all outside construction work.
- 4) Recreational Project Updates:
 - A) Ice Rink - We are getting ready to smooth out the large pile of dirt next to the post office (when it dries out). After it is leveled and rehabbed (grass seed and mulch), we will make plans for procuring a liner, benches, trail material and lights for the new rink. It will be ready prior to freezing this fall.
 - B) New dump station by sewer plant. This will be completed soon to allow for RV dumping of wastes.
 - C) Trails - The DNR grant had to be returned because of two places where we were not able to get easements along the trail route. We have not given up on trails in Fredonia, as many residents very much support more and better trails.
- 5) The village board has approved the ordering of a new ambulance for our volunteer Fire Department Ambulance service. So that will be in service in several months.

Again, I ask all residents to watch their pets and remember we have a leash law. Keep your pets on a leash and pick up after them.

I hope you all have a great summer here in Fredonia.

- Chuck



FREDONIA VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

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

President: Chuck Lopicola 262-447-2062
Office Hours Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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| Trustees: Jill Bertram | 692-2701 |
| Fritz Buchholtz | 692-9203 |
| Don Dohrwardt | 692-9650 |
| Lisa Dohrwardt | 692-9650 |
| Scott Ehaney | 692-2451 |
| John Long | 692-2240 |

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 meeting schedule: Thursdays
July 10th and 24th 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. If you are on the “Friends of Fredonia” email list, you will receive all meeting notices. Or, check the bulletin board in front of the Fredonia Government Center, at Port Washington State Bank and at the Fredonia Post Office 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 to be added today!

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** 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.

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE CUSTOMERS OF THE FREDONIA MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

This is to give you notice that the Fredonia Municipal Water Utility will file an application on July 20, 2014 with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase three percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates will also increase three percent.

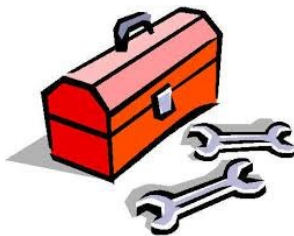
| Customer Classification | Meter Size | Volume in Gallons (Quarterly) | Existing Quarterly Rate | Revised Quarterly Rate |
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| Average Residential | 5/8" | 12,000 | \$25.78 | \$26.50 |
| Large Residential | 3/4" | 18,000 | \$34.66 | \$35.62 |
| Commercial | 1" | 150,000 | \$209.91 | \$215.84 |
| Public Authority | 1 1/2" | 225,000 | \$307.88 | \$315.63 |
| Industrial | 2" | 450,000 | \$553.75 | \$569.36 |

This rate increase will go into effect on September 28, 2014.

If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Fredonia Municipal Water Utility at (262)692-9125.

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 are not sure if a permit is required, 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.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the following groups and individuals for your great service -

- ◆ The Fredonia Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the 2014 Rummage Sale.
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack #3877 for picking up trash in the parks.
- ◆ Fuzzy Schommer for mowing lawn at Fireman's Park on Memorial Day.



CORRECT DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL SHARPS

Never put needles and other sharp medical items in the trash, recycling or medication collection drop boxes.

Medical sharps, such as needles, syringes and lancets pose an injury risk for anyone who comes into contact with these items. Sharps are often found in household garbage and recyclables or flushed down the toilet. These items end up in the solid waste stream where they can injure workers. If flushed down the toilet, they may cause problems in plumbing and wastewater treatment plants or end up on beaches. Here are some tips to properly dispose of medical sharps:



- Take your sharps to a registered sharps collection station.
- Contact your doctor, clinic or local hospital.
- Call a local pharmacy, hospital, diabetes educator, public health department for local options.
- Using a proper container placed in the trunk, you may transport sharps to an infectious waste treatment facility.
- Use a “mail-back” sharps program, which can be found by searching the internet.

If you need to use sharps when away from home, you may be able to find sharps boxes in public restrooms. Hotels may offer a small needle box for use in your room. You may also carry small sharps boxes to use when these other options are not available.

ENJOYING THE SUMMER SUN SAFELY

After what seems like an endless winter, it feels good to catch some summer rays. There are numerous benefits to some sun exposure, but too much may lead to burns, and possibly melanoma skin cancer. Some people are more prone to getting melanoma if several members of one side of your family have had it. But to be safe, it is important to check your skin frequently to know if there are any changes to existing moles, blemishes or freckles; or if you have any new ones. Most people have moles, and most are harmless. But it is important to recognize changes in a mole - such as its size, shape or color. They can suggest a melanoma may be developing.

The **ABCDE** rule is a guide to the usual signs of melanoma. Be on the lookout and tell your doctor about spots that have any of the following features:

- ◆ **A is for Asymmetry:** One half of a mole or birthmark does not match the other.
- ◆ **B is for Border:** The edges are irregular, ragged, notched, or blurred.
- ◆ **C is for Color:** The color is not the same all over and may include shades of brown or black, or sometimes with patches of pink, red, white or blue.
- ◆ **D is for Diameter:** The spot is larger than 6 millimeters across (about 1/4 inch - the size of a pencil eraser), although melanoma can sometimes be smaller than this.
- ◆ **E is for Evolving:** The mole is changing in size, shape or color.

Other warning signs are:

- ◇ A sore that does not heal.
- ◇ Spread of pigment from the border of a spot to surrounding skin.
- ◇ Redness or a new swelling beyond the border.
- ◇ Change in sensation - itchiness, tenderness or pain.
- ◇ Change in surface of a mole.

If you find a new, unusual or changing mole, you should have it checked by a doctor.

