



# Village of Lena

## Spring/Summer 2023 Newsletter



**Steve Buss**  
Village President

## From the desk of the Village President

Spring cleaning is big around my house, and we're carrying that same mentality into our town. We have many exciting projects slated for this year. I'd like to use this as an opportunity to highlight a few.

You may have noticed the Howitzer gun and sundial have been relocated to the Veteran's Memorial at the Lena Burial Park. This will allow for updates on the corner downtown. We plan to replace the chain link fence along the railroad with an updated decorative fence this summer.

Plans are underway to repair or replace as many roads as the budget allows. This year we hope to work on Shippee Road from 73 North past Wolf Hollow Golf Course in addition to the Williams Street, School Street and Leet Street areas. Dayton Street will be widened for truck traffic. We also plan to begin work on some storm drainage projects.

We would like to thank the Lena Economic Development Corporation and the Lena Business & Professional Association for the Lena community sign at the visitor's booth. The project was possible through donations from businesses, groups and individuals. It is used for community events information from local nonprofit organizations. If you're interested in displaying something on the sign, please email [lenainfosign@gmail.com](mailto:lenainfosign@gmail.com).

These improvements will continue to make Lena better, but it's always been the people that make Lena a community. As always, we welcome your input and feedback on our agenda.

The 1% Sales Tax Referendum will start on July 1, 2023. This extra tax money will allow the Village to drastically increase the number of streets that can be repaired over the next five years. The Village is currently working with Fehr-Graham to create a list of streets that have the highest levels of damage. This list will be used to prioritize the street repairs based on need over the upcoming year.

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**VILLAGE OF LENA**

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Lena, IL 61048

**BILLING DATE**      03/08/2023

**ACCOUNT NO**

**Service From**      02/11/2023      **To**      03/10/2023

SC	PREVIOUS	PRESENT	USAGE	NET	NET	SC
<b>UNPAID BALANCE</b>				<b>.00</b>		
WT		4551	5,000	29.63	29.63	WT
SW			5,000	37.89	37.89	SW
GB				13.77	13.77	GB
SD				4.00	4.00	SD
CW				4.50	4.50	CW
CS				4.00	4.00	CS
<b>Penalty</b>				<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>Amount due by April 1, 2023</b>				<b>93.79</b>	<b>93.79</b>	
<b>After April 1, 2023 pay this amount</b>				<b>103.17</b>	<b>103.17</b>	

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**BILLING DATE**

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**Capital Improvements - Water**

**Capital Improvements - Sewer**

**Water**

**Sewer**

**GARBAGE**

**STORM DRAINS**

## UTV Registration

The 2022 UTV registration stickers will expire on April 30th, 2023. You are required to purchase the 2023 registration sticker prior to May 1st, 2023. Registration stickers can be purchased at Village Hall.

An inspection by the Lena Police Department is required for all newly registered UTVs prior to receiving a registration sticker. The following items are required to pass the inspection to operate a UTV within the Village of Lena:

- Steering Wheel Apparatus
- Seat Belts (each passenger)
- Tires
- Turn signals (front and rear)
- Brakes and Brake lights
- Headlights
- Taillights
- Standard Factory Exhaust
- Red Reflector (rear)
- Slow Moving Vehicle Sign
- Yellow Flashing Light (night operation)

The Village ordinance pertaining to the operation of UTVs will be provided to you at the time of registration. The UTV application and ordinance can be found at [www.villageoflena.com](http://www.villageoflena.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the registered owners for cooperating with the ordinances for the operation of UTVs within the Village.

We haven't had any major problems since passing the ordinance allowing the use of UTVs on Village streets. This is all due to the safe use of UTVs on our roadways by our registered owners.

Chief Wayne Gift  
Lena Police Department



## Spring/Summer Reminders

- The Village Water Department will be flushing hydrants April 17th - April 28th. Please avoid washing clothing while the hydrants are being flushed in your neighborhood as it can cause discoloration.
- Grass length should not exceed 8 inches. Please do not blow grass clippings from mowing into the street. This can cause blockages in the storm sewers during a rain event, thus leading to flooding.
- Residents may haul ONLY grass clippings, brush/branches, yard waste and leaves to their respective areas south of the Village Streets Department Building located on Townline Road.
- As a **COURTESY SERVICE**, the Village will pick up brush and branches on the 1st and 3rd Mondays starting in April and ending in October. Putting your brush in a container is not required, but helps quicken and streamline the brush pick up process. No yard waste (grass clipping, plants, anything with green vegetation, etc.), root balls, construction material, shrubbery trimmings, wood with foreign objects or thorny bushes will be picked up.
- **Definition of Brush:** loose branches and twigs generated by trimmed or storm damaged trees. Brush may not exceed 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length nor may it exceed the amount of a 44-gallon garbage can. Small pieces can be placed in a bucket or container for quicker and easier pickup.



Village President - Steve Buss  
Village Clerk - Claudia Simpson  
Treasurer - Nicole Callos  
Office Manager - Madison Becke  
Chief of Police - Wayne Gift  
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                Louis Cusanelli  
                Hailey Carr  
                Sierra Maurer  
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                Brandt Esling  
                Ben Cheeney  
Water - Kory Polhill  
Sewer - Jon Schoenhard

Trustees

Administration - Cathy Stevens  
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Streets - Christin Keeffer  
Water & Sewer - Brandon Smith  
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**Upcoming Events:**

**Town Garage Sales - May 12th & 13th**

**Taste of Lena - June 10th**

**Lena Lions Pet Parade (diabetes awareness) - July 22nd**

**Police Night Out - August 1st**

**Lena Lions Fall Festival - September 8th & 9th**

**Garbage Pick-Up Delayed to Saturday for:**

Memorial Day

4th of July

Labor Day



**WasteConnect**

For more updates, visit [www.gillsfreeportdisposal.com](http://www.gillsfreeportdisposal.com) or  
download the WasteConnect app!

**LENA COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT SUMMER REGISTRATION**

Monday, April 24th: 5-8pm

Thursday, April 27th: 5-8pm

Saturday, April 29th: 9am-12pm

***For more information visit [www.lenaparkdistrict.org](http://www.lenaparkdistrict.org)***

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