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Mon-Thurs 7 AM-4 PM

### Village Officials

#### **Village President**

Dan Gehrke (April 2025)

#### **Village Trustees**

Joshua Haas (April 2024)

Bruce Paape (April 2024)

Richard Abegglen (April 2024)

Donald Dohrwardt (April 2025)

Tiffany Bartz (April 2025)

Kurt Meyle, Sr (April 2025)

#### **Village Administrator**

Christophe Jenkins (262) 692-9125

#### **Village Treasurer**

Melissa Depies (262) 692-9125

#### **Village Clerk**

Michelle Johnson (262) 692-9125

#### **Director of Public Works**

Eric Paulus (262) 483-0275

#### **Residential Building Inspector**

John Derler (262) 692-2039

#### **Commercial Building Inspector**

Roger Kison (262) 375-1349

#### **Village Marshal**

Mike Davel (262) 692-3179

#### **Assessor**

Catalis Appraisals (262) 253-1142

#### **Trash & Recycling**

Harter's (833) 754-2185



## **Village President and Village Administrator**

Dear Residents,

We hope you had a wonderful summer here in the Village of Fredonia!

The leaves are changing color, a new school year has begun, and we're a few weeks into football season. Here in Fredonia, we have fond memories of our summer events: outdoor movie nights, MUDonia Kids Mud Run, and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our Fire Department.

Over the summer, our Village staff, board, and volunteers from the community worked internally on a new strategic plan – this included establishing an overarching Mission, Vision, and key Strategic Priorities that we will use to align objectives in our municipality. We would love to share with you the results of these efforts:

The first strategic priority we'd like to highlight is "**Smart Residential, Industrial, and Commercial Growth.**" Economic development is key to our Village's success. Municipalities that don't see continual growth rely on tax increases and cuts to services to make ends meet. Places to shop, get a hair cut, and share a meal add to the quality of life that we all enjoy. Manufacturing and industrial businesses encourage a "Made in America" attitude and good-paying, stable jobs. A mixed use of housing is required as our population grows and changes. This priority is one we hope we can all get behind.

Next is "**Responsible Fiscal Policy.**" We are proud to live in a community that keeps a watchful eye on our tax dollars and looks for creative ways to fund or share services. From sharing personnel costs to joint contracts for IT, Village Hall maintenance, and EMS – Fredonia continues to push the envelope to get the best bang for our buck.

"**Support(ing) Public Safety & Infrastructure**" is our third priority – keeping our residents and visitors safe is one, if not our number one, job as a local government. Providing public safety services, along with quality roads, efficient water and sewer lines, and a beautiful parks system helps to support and expand our community.

Our fourth priority is "**Encouraging Open Communication & Collaboration.**" Our doors are always open to feedback, suggestions, and ideas. We encourage public, private, and non-profit partnerships to support our community's overarching goals. Our newsletter, website, Village Facebook page, and quarterly "Coffee with the Village President and Administrator" events are all great ways to engage and stay informed.

All of this effort gets wrapped up within our final priority – a "**Strong Sense of Community.**" We are only as strong and successful as the terrific residents, business owners, non-profits, and other stakeholders who make up Fredonia. The recent event hosted by Port Washington State Bank, showcasing our local Milwaukee Brewer Owen Miller and benefitting the Northern Ozaukee School District, is just one example of stakeholders working together to improve our Village. Generous local donors helped fund Movie in the Park, our first-ever Mud Run, and the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Events like these connect our residents and foster strong community ties.

And guess what? Our Village arms are always open! Come visit – check out our parks, tour the NOSD campus, shop our stores, and say "Hi" to our awesome Village staff.

Our success is just getting started, and we look forward to sharing more!

Dan Gehrke, Village President  
Christophe Jenkins, Village Administrator



## Village Marshal

Now that school is back in session, please be aware of children in our more heavily trafficked areas. Abide by speed limits and focus on driving while driving, rather than your cell phone.

Scams are a constant danger. Be suspicious of communications that don't seem to make sense to you. Don't click links in a suspicious email unless you are certain of the source. If you are notified that you won a lottery, ask yourself if you entered a lottery... if you didn't enter, you can't win! Lottery officials do not notify winners by phone or email.

Never give out personal information on the internet, including bank account numbers, your social security number, or your date of birth.

Always review your banking and credit card statements. If you see unauthorized charges, contact your bank or credit card company immediately. You are more likely to recoup lost money if you act quickly.

Marshal Davel



## Fire Department

We had an amazing 100th Anniversary Celebration! We would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate throughout the day. It was a jam-packed day of fun, activities, events and entertainment. From the sirens that started the 5K run to The Toys' last song, and everything in between, you could feel the sense of community all throughout the day. Thank you to all of the supporters, vendors, and organizations who helped make this community celebration a huge success! This was truly a once in a lifetime event that will be remembered for years to come.



## Department of Public Works

**Bulk Dumpster Event:** September 25-28. Located at 420 Wheeler Ln, Village residency required. For items that do not fit in your trash cart, including mattresses and furniture items. No hazardous waste, medications, electronics or appliances.  
**Hydrant Flushing:** October 2-5. Residents may have slight discoloration in water during flushing. This is a cosmetic issue, not a safety issue. If you wash your clothes and they are discolored, do not dry, wash again.  
**Leaf Pick-Up:** October 16-November 30. Curbside leaf collection begins on or about October 16 and will continue until approximately November 30, as weather permits.

Leaves should be raked into the street, next to the curb, in low piles. If you have leaves at your curb and snow is predicted, we strongly suggest you pick the leaves up as they may be plowed back into your yard. Please keep in mind that Village crews cannot be on every street every day. Once you have had collection that week, we are done.

**Last Day for Brush Pick Up:** October 30.



## Assessment

The last revaluation of all property was performed for the 2008 assessment year. To maintain compliance with the State of Wisconsin, the Village will undergo a revaluation for the 2024 assessment year. A revaluation is a complete and thorough review of all property assessments. During a revaluation year, all assessments are examined, and adjustments are made to guarantee that all property is assessed at 100% of market value. This revaluation will not include any onsite visits. We anticipate new assessment notices and information about the revaluation to be mailed to property owners in the spring of 2024. If there are any specific questions about the revaluation, please contact me at (262) 253-1142.

Sincerely,  
Les Ahrens  
Assessor



## Employment Opportunity

The Village of Fredonia is seeking two full-time Paramedics/Firefighters. Salary range \$52,722-\$81,915. The application can be found on the Village's website. Please contact Chief Weyker with any questions at bweyker@village.fredonia.wi.us



## Plan your event today!

Village Hall and the Fire House offer large meeting rooms and beautiful parks for rent for private gatherings. The rental fee varies. Please fill out the hall rental application or the parks rental application found on the Village's website and return to Village Clerk Michelle Johnson to schedule your event.

## E-Recycling Now Available!

A new, free service to Village residents provided by COM2, a registered recycler with E-Cycle, Wisconsin.

This service is located at 420 Wheeler Ave, and available to Village residents Monday-Thursday.

Please call (262) 483-0275 to make an appointment to drop off your e-waste.



## Village Treasurer

Village staff is working hard on completing the 2024 budget. Once the budget is finalized and adopted, the information is sent to Ozaukee County for mailing of the tax bills.

**Tax bills** will be mailed mid-December. You have the option of paying your tax bill in full or in two installments. The first installment or payment in full, is due on or before January 31. Public services rely on this tax revenue, so prompt payment is appreciated. **Village Hall and PWSB-Fredonia Branch will accept payments for the first installment.**

The second installment is due on or before July 31 at the Ozaukee County Treasurer's office.

**Water and sewer utilities** are billed quarterly: January, April, July, and October. All residents have the option to sign up for paperless billing – your bill will be sent right to your inbox rather than your mailbox. This saves the Village in processing and mailing a hard copy bill. Sign up today by using the forms found on the Treasurer's page of the Village's website!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Depies, Village Treasurer



## Village Clerk

In the Village Clerk's office, we have been busy supporting the Village's boards and committees, issuing permits and licenses, and receipting utility and special assessment payments. I am familiarizing myself with recent changes to state election law in anticipation of the four elections the Village will be administering in 2024:

**February 20, 2024:** Spring Primary

**April 2, 2024:** Spring Election & Presidential Preference

**August 13, 2024:** Partisan Primary

**November 5, 2024:** General Election

Did you know you get paid for being a poll worker? Anyone age 16 or older can apply by contacting the Village Clerk's office.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Johnson, Village Clerk



## Parks and Recreation

The Village's first-ever Mud Run was a huge success! 155 kids ran, splashed, and waded through muddy obstacles and had an absolute blast! We gathered community feedback and have already begun planning next year's event. Many thanks to the DPW, Fire, Marshal, staff, and wonderful volunteers for all of their dedicated work on this project.

Our Movie in the Park showings of Top Gun Maverick and Super Mario Brothers were great fun! Thanks to PH Roof Doctors and BadaBing's Pizza for generously sponsoring these events!

The 150th Anniversary Celebration event planning has begun. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or the Friends group recently created to help support recreational activities in the Village, please email Tiffany Bartz at [tbartz@village.fredonia.wi.us](mailto:tbartz@village.fredonia.wi.us).

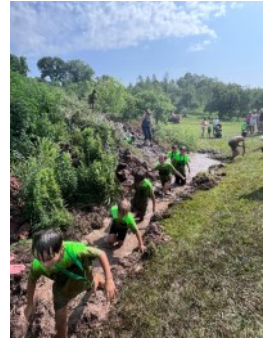


**Upcoming Events (please check the website calendar for final dates):**

**October 28 from 4 PM – 7 PM:** Trick or Treating

**November:** Holiday Tree Lighting at Freedom Park

**December/January:** Candle-lit Walk in the Park at Marie Krause Park



## Utility Bill Payment Options

There are several easy ways to pay your water bill!

- Automatic withdrawal. Payment will be withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the due date of your water bill. An authorization form can be found on the Treasurer's page on our website.
- Online using a debit or credit card, via our website. Service fees apply.
- At Village Hall during business hours.
- At Port Washington State Bank, Fredonia Branch.

## Sign Up For Email Notifications and Future Newsletters!

To sign up for email notifications and future newsletters, please follow these instructions:

1. Visit <https://www.fredoniawi.gov/subscribe>
2. Enter your email address in the two fields at the top of the page. The two entries must match.
3. Check off the box for each topic you would like to receive communications about. There are four types of topics to select.
4. Check off the ReCaptcha box.
5. Press the blue "Subscribe Me" button.

You're all set! You'll be notified when items you have signed up for are posted to the website.

*Please note that you can unsubscribe at any time. You can return to the site and follow the steps above, but check off the blue Unsubscribe button instead, and there is an Unsubscribe option at the bottom of each email notification you receive.*





**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**  
Find Your Moments Here

# OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## 1 Smart Residential, Industrial, & Commercial Growth

*Fredonia is committed to expanding our residential, industrial, and commercial opportunities in strategic and responsible ways.*



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## Responsible Fiscal Policy

*Fredonia shall make policy decisions based on both the short and long-term financial impacts and in good faith to our taxpayers.*

## 3 Support Public Safety & Infrastructure

*Fredonia shall support efforts to keep residents and visitors safe, and provide reliable, clean, and long-lasting public amenities.*



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## Encourage Open

## Communication & Collaboration

*Fredonia's doors are always open to feedback, suggestions, and ideas. We encourage public, private, and non-profit partnerships to support our community's overarching goals.*

## 5 Strong Sense of Community

*Fredonia was built on our strong sense of community. We commit to supporting efforts that build upon this founding principal and creating a place where people want to live, work, and play.*

