



Village Newsletter

Summer 2023

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Mon-Thurs 7 AM-4 PM

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Village President

Dear Neighbors,

Since I became your Village President, the team and I have been actively engaged in various projects to propel our community forward. I am pleased to announce that an **official plat has been approved** and recorded for the development of new single-family housing on the north side of the Village.

Furthermore, we have granted approval for the first of two Certified Survey Maps, which will effectively divide parcels in the Industrial Park to accommodate developers who wish to build in these areas.

Speaking of exciting developments, it is with great pleasure that we introduce **Mirror Image Metal Finishing LLC** as the newest addition to our Industrial Park!

In our commitment to supporting local enterprises, we are continuing our **Business of the Month** program. If you have a local business in mind that you believe deserves recognition, please nominate them by calling Village Hall or emailing cjenkins@village.fredonia.wi.us with your suggestion.

Additionally, I would like to let you know of the exciting activities the Village has planned for this summer! Registration for the **MUDonia Kids Mud Run**, taking place on July 22, is still open. For more information and to sign up, please visit the [Village website](#) or drop by Village Hall. You should also mark your calendars for the **Fredonia Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Celebration** on August 26 at Fireman's Park. This special event will feature a range of activities, live music, delicious food, and entertainment suitable for all ages.

Finally, I would like to highlight the **Village's Grand Prize win** at the Flag Day Parade! It was a great community event and I'm proud of the teamwork from your Village Board on the prize-winning float!

I sincerely hope that each and every one of you is having a fantastic start to your summer in Fredonia!

Respectfully,
Daniel Gehrke



100 Year Celebration

The Fredonia Fire Department invites you to celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, August 26, at Fireman's Park!

There are family-friendly events planned for the entire day, including fantastic food and dessert trucks, face painting, bouncy houses, and a raffle with exciting prizes. Visit our [website for details](#).

Event Schedule

- 8 AM: **Fredonia Fire 5k**. Register online here: <https://runsignup.com/FredoniaFD100>
- 12 PM: **Ceremonial Parade**
- 2 PM: **Corn Hole Tournament**
- 9:30 PM: **Fireworks Display**

Live Music Schedule:

- 1:30 PM: **DJ Roundy**
- 5 PM: **Stereo-Fi**
- 8 PM: **The Toys**



Fire Department



The Fire Department recently responded to **three events** in neighboring communities, including a major barn fire and a garage fire that took out the majority of a residential home. Residents may have experienced low water pressure during these events. These incidents **reinforce the importance of mutual aid** and cooperation among neighboring communities.

The Village of Fredonia Ambulance is upgrading its service level with the addition of three full-time paramedics. Once fully staffed we will provide paramedic emergency medical service to our residents 24/7. Currently this level of service is provided to the Village by surrounding communities.

We've hired our first paramedic and continue to recruit for the remaining two positions. Volunteers are always needed! We have multiple levels of involvement – not just firefighters and EMTs.

The application for paramedic positions and volunteer opportunities can be found on the [Village website](#) and submitted to bweyker@village.fredonia.wi.us.

Village Marshal

As summer arrives and school ends, more teens and younger children will be out and about. Adults are also out more, and we can count on motorcycles being in the mix. While driving please consider that operating that motor vehicle is the most important thing you are doing at that time. The phone call, text, or email can wait. It only takes a second or two of inattention to have a horrific event that will haunt you for life. Second, please drive the vehicle at a reasonable speed. Consider that at 30 mph, once you realize you need to stop it takes 45 feet to do so. At 40 mph it takes 60 feet. 15 feet is roughly one car length and may be the difference between a near miss and an accident.

Sincerely,
Marshal Davel



Fundraising Event

The Marshal's Office was able to purchase two new defibrillator units for patrol cars through successful fundraising efforts. Sargent Leet (pictured below with donors) stated that he was not at all surprised by the generosity of residents and local civic groups. Thanks to everyone who donated time or money to this important cause!



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 website and return to Village Clerk Michelle Johnson to schedule your event.

Village Administrator

Dear Residents,
The Village of Fredonia is excited to **welcome Dollar General** into our community this summer! Construction and inspections have been on schedule and they will be hiring crewmembers soon for their grand opening – tentatively scheduled for the end of July. Speaking of construction projects, summer is a great time for residential upgrades and housework – **please make sure** to check with Village Hall if permits are necessary for your project. Building inspection is all about ensuring that work done on your home is done safely and to proper building standards. We continue to hire full-time paramedics for our new ALS Paramedic-level program. If you or someone you know are looking for a new and exciting place to work, **please send them our way!** Finally, we hope you can join us for our first “Coffee with the Village President and Administrator” set for **Wednesday, July 26, from 8 AM to 10 AM at Freedom Park**. This is a great opportunity to hear from you and answer any questions you might have. Coffee and treats on us!
Sincerely,
Christophe Jenkins



Parks and Recreation

- **June 24 – Fredonia Lions 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament.** Starts at 11 AM. For more details, [check out their website](#).
- **July 22 – MUDonia Kids Mud Run** registration is open until the day of the event. [Register online](#) or see below for details.
- **August 26 – Fredonia Fire Department 100th Anniversary Celebration.**



The day begins at 8 AM with a 5K run, followed by fun for the entire family, and concludes with a fireworks display at 9:30 PM. For more details and to [register for the Fire 5K Run](#), visit the [Village website](#).

- **Movie in the Park** updates coming this summer!

Department of Public Works

HydroCorp has been contracted by the Village to conduct residential cross connection inspections. The Department of Natural Resources requires cross connection inspections every 10 years. If you received a letter and have not yet set up an inspection please call HyrdCorp at 1-844-493-7641 or go online to schedule at www.schedulemyinspection.net The Annual Clean Water Report has been completed. The Village received an “A” rating. The report can be found on the [Village website](#) or at Village Hall. Chipping continues on Monday mornings, excluding the week of July 3. Finally, please do not blow grass into the road. It is a safety issue for our motorcyclists and can wash into the river.



MUDonia

It's not too late to register for Fredonia's first-ever Mud Run!



Kids will navigate various obstacles, water features, and mud pits, guided by our fabulous volunteers. Kids will receive a wristband, custom t-shirt, finisher medal, and a coupon for free lunch from an on-site food truck!

You may [register online](#) or at Village Hall during business hours. Event packet pick-up will be on Wednesday, July 19, and Thursday, July 20, at Village Hall from 8 AM to 4 PM, or at the event on July 22. See the [Village website](#) for more details.

Village Treasurer

Dear Residents,

The Village will be mailing out 2nd quarter water bills the week of July 3. Please watch your mailbox for the water bill post card.

The Village now has the ability to email your water bill saving YOU, the Village taxpayer, the cost of printing and mailing. Please sign up for emailed bills by completing the [Paperless Billing Authorization form](#) found on the Village website and email to mdepies@village.fredonia.wi.us or return in person to Village Hall.

Another great automated service the Village offers is Auto Pay. By completing the [Water & Sewer Utility Automatic Payment Authorization form](#), the Village can directly pull the balance due on your account from your checking account on the bill due date. No more writing checks, paying credit card convenience fees, or possibly missing the due date and being stuck paying late fees. This service does not

cost anything for the customer and saves time for Village staff.

These are both easy ways to help the Village keep operating costs down.

Thank you,
Melissa Depies



Village Clerk

Greetings!

Summer has begun and Village Hall is a hive of activity. We have kept very busy facilitating summer building projects, animal permitting, records organization, and supporting the Village's various boards and committees.

We are working diligently to improve Village communication and transparency with residents. All [meeting agendas](#) can be found posted on the Village website, as well as recordings of Village Board of Trustees meetings. [Meeting minutes](#) will be posted as soon as they become available. Website updates continue with new information added daily.

Consider signing up for [Email Notifications](#) from the Village: stay up-to-date with Village happenings, urgent alerts, meeting minutes, and meeting agendas. See instructions below.

Respectfully,
Michelle T. Johnson



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 website. Please contact Chief Weyker with any questions at bweyker@village.fredonia.wi.us

Inspection Services

The summer building season is here, and permit numbers are soaring! If you have questions about starting a project, scheduling a final inspection, or anything in between, get in touch with our local inspectors!

Contact John Derler at (262) 692-2039 for residential permitting, or Roger Kison (262) 375-1349 to start your commercial project today!



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 new website or on the last page of this newsletter.
- [Online using a debit or credit card](#) via our new 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:
Urgent Alerts: Messages of an important nature like road closures, water main breaks, weather alerts, etc.
News and Announcements: Postings about upcoming events, employment opportunities, or other Village happenings.
Meeting Agendas: Agendas posted for upcoming board or committee meetings.
Meeting Minutes: Minutes posted following a board or committee meeting.

4. Check off the ReCaptcha box.
5. Press the blue "Subscribe Me" button.

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