

# VILLAGE OF IOLA RESIDENTS

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 Iola Utilities Newsletter

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**RATE INCREASE:** Starting in October, water rate will be increasing; a fire protection fee will be added to utility bills. New rates are all determined by the size meter you have servicing your property. For a complete description of the changes go to [https://www.villageofiola.com/public\\_works](https://www.villageofiola.com/public_works) and see the letter from the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin.

**DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS:** This is to notify any property owners that have delinquent utility bills; Iola Utilities will be adding them to your property taxes for 2022 unless other arrangements have been made.

**TRICK OR TREAT:** Date and hours have been approved for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 2 to 4pm. Village residents wishing to participate, please turn on your outside porch light. If you wish not to participate, please leave your outside light off. We ask people that are “Trick or Treating” to be respectful of residents that do not wish to participate and have their lights off by not stopping at those residence.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE:** (THE IOLA LIONS CLUB TO HOST CHRISTMAS PARADE AND SANTA VISIT) Iola’s annual Christmas Parade & Santa Visit will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. The parade will start at 4:30 PM. Kids can see Santa and receive a free goodie bag at the Iola Historical Society’s machine shed building after the parade.

**IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING FOR VILLAGE OF IOLA RESIDENCE:** Absentee voting in the clerk’s office will be available from October 25<sup>th</sup> thru November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the November 8th, 2022, election. Voting hours are 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**WINTER SNOW REMOVAL:** Remember we are coming up on the time of year when we must think about snow and ice removal from sidewalks and roadways. As property owners you are liable for keeping your sidewalks clean and safe for pedestrians. See ordinance 233-10 in the Code Book.

**SAND & SALT:** The Village of Iola has limited amounts of sand and salt that are kept at the Grove Street debris pile location for residents to use for the winter. This pile is not meant for anyone outside of the village limits to use. If you see someone at the piles that is not a village resident please notify a Village employee (Signage will be posted as reminders in this area).

**DEBRIS PILES:** Iola Village residents, there is a brush pile located on Townline Road for you to dump your brush; however, this location is not for leaves. Please make sure when dumping your brush off that you keep it off the roadways. Debris piles for other items are located on Grove Street across from the Methodist Church for anyone wishing to dump pine needles, garden refuse, flower clippings, etc. Please dump your items on the appropriate piles. Non-village residents are not allowed to use the areas unless they purchase a permit. These permits are available at the Clerk’s Office. **If you do not see a pile for what you have, please do not leave it.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** October is National Chamber of Commerce Month! Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce helps promote our area and develop local businesses. Please continue your support of our local small businesses, especially during this upcoming holiday season.

**CHAMBER BUCKS:** Looking for stocking stuffers for family and friends or a gift for your employees this holiday season? Purchase Chamber Bucks! Not only a great gift, but a "gift" to our local businesses! You can purchase in \$10 increments. Purchase Chamber Bucks at Bank First in Iola. (Please call Bank First at 715-445-3211 so they can prepare your Chamber Bucks for pick up).

**RECYCLING CENTER HOURS:** Thursday's 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday's 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Recyclables are free to drop off at the Recycling Center. Recyclables need to be sorted. Please do not leave caps on plastics (throw them away if they are small), even though they are marked recyclable they are not able to run through the bailers when the plastics are bailed; causing problems with the machines. Trash garbage tags are available at the Recycling Center, Depot Street Station, Iola Sentry Foods, or the Clerk's Office. The cost is \$15.00 for 5 tags. These trash bags can be dropped at the recycling center during normal recycling hours.

**PARKS: Visit** Olson Park at 405 Water Street, and check out the new pickle ball courts. Bring your teams down for an afternoon match. Work is continuing at Rosie Paw Dog Park, located at the corner of South Townline Road and West Iola Street. The Parks Department is continuing to raise funds for these two new additions to the Iola Parks System. Donations can be made at the clerk's office or at one of the many donation points located within various Iola local businesses. Please keep checking the Village website for upcoming raffles and events sponsored by the Parks Department.

**CHESTER L. KRAUSE LEGACY PARK:** Work has begun on the new Chester L. Krause Legacy Park located across the street from the Thirsty Perch. Plans include a wall mural, monument of Chet, flag area, and picnic spaces/shelter in the park. Completion is projected to be in 2023, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chet's birth. Fund-raising has begun. If you are interested in donating, please stop by the Clerk's Office, or send to the Village of Iola, PO Box 336, Iola, WI 54945. Gifts for the park are tax deductible. No tax money will be used for the building of this park.

**LIBRARY:** There are many new things to do at the library this fall and winter. Monday's at 3:30pm is Teen Territory, Wednesday morning is toddler story hour, Friday morning is the Sit and Stitch program, and the Mystery Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month. Not to mention the books, movies, music, audio books and computer services available. The friendly staff is also there to assist. Stop by and check out what the Iola library has to offer you!!

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:** Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 5:30 p.m. They are held in the Community Room at 180 S. Main Street. Board meetings are open to the public, feel free to attend at any time.

If you have a topic that you think would be helpful to the community, feel free to contact the clerk's office at 715.445.2913 or email: [iolawi@tds.net](mailto:iolawi@tds.net).

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