

VILLAGE OF IOLA RESIDENTS

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GARBAGE PICKUP: The village of Iola is currently considering a contracted system for Residential trash and recycling collection. On January 9, 2023, the village board passed a motion to have village wide trash and recycling collection. In a contracted system, haulers compete for the chance to provide service to all single-family, duplex and small multi-family homes. The average bid was \$18.00 monthly for trash & recycling for residential property owners. Both Harter's and GFL had representatives at the January 9th, 2023, board meeting and made a presentation to the board and provided them with sealed bids. The billing will come from the village. This amount will be reflected quarterly on the utility bills. If you live in the village and do not receive a utility bill, you will receive a bill from the village for your garbage pickup quarterly. A final board decision on which company will receive the contract will be made at the next board meeting. A letter will be going out to all village residents after the February 13th, 2023, board meeting with more information. If you wish to hear more on this topic, feel free to attend the meeting on February 13th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Village Hall, 180 S. Main St.

RATE INCREASE: Starting in October, water rates increased, and a fire protection fee has been added for every parcel in the village. These rates are determined by the size water meter you have servicing your property. For a complete description of the changes go to https://www.villageofiola.com/public_works and see the letter from the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Winter parking restrictions are in place for village streets. Please keep your vehicles off the streets during and after winter clean-up. Please refer to village ordinance Chapter 247-14 and 247-19 for the full details.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL: This is a reminder, any sidewalk or cross walk access adjacent to your property, you are required by Village of Iola Ordinance 233-10 to remove the snow and ice from these sidewalks. Please go to the Ordinances on our website if you wish to see the complete ordinance. If you have not cleared the sidewalks or snow and ice within 24 hours from the time the snow/rain have stopped, the village will clear them for you at your expense, for each time we have to clear them.

SAND & SALT: The Village of Iola has limited amounts of sand and salt that are kept at the Grove Street debris pile location for village residents only 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).

DOG LICENSE: If you own a dog in the Village of Iola it is required to be registered in Waupaca County. The dog(s) needs to be registered in the municipality that the dog resides. Village residence can obtain a license at the village clerk's office. For spayed & neutered dogs the cost is \$5.00; Dogs that are not spayed or neutered the cost is \$10.00. You will need to provide a copy of your dog's veterinary records showing the date the dog received its rabies vaccination and the expiration date of vaccination.

PARKS: 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 the dog park and the pickle ball court. 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: Check out the progress that has been made to Chester L. Krause Legacy Park at 149 Chet Krause Drive. Plans include a wall mural, monument of Chet, flag area, and picnic spaces/shelter in the park. Completion is projected to be in October 2023, the 100th anniversary of Chet's birth. 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: Looking for something to do? There are many fun things to do at the library this winter. Check out to see what programs the library has planned. 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!!

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. Please do not leave plastics caps on your bottles, throw them away. **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.

IOLA WINTER CARNIVAL: The 2023 Iola Winter Carnival will be held February 3rd - 5th, 2023. There are a variety of events over the three days. For information regarding the events check the Winter Carnival's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/iolawintercarnival/> to view the poster listing the events or look for the poster at our local businesses around town.

FOOD PANTRY: If you need help during these trying times, the Iola Food Pantry is available to help. You can call 715-445-3394 or 715-445-2666 for more information. If you wish to donate to the food or money to the pantry, you can contact the pantry for more information.

IOLA CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE: Time to start planning. If you are interested in participating in the 27th Annual Iola City Wide Rummage Sale, it will be held May 18-20, 2023. For more information and to sign up please go to www.iolarummagesale.com. Deadline for sign-up is Monday May 11th, 2023.

CREDIT CARDS: The Village of Iola is accepting credit card payments for your utility bills. If you wish to pay your bill, online go to www.villageofiola.com and click on bill pay.

LOCAL BUSINESSES: Please remember to support our local businesses. They greatly appreciate all the support.