

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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Ho! Ho! Ho??? As winter cranks up we head towards another Christmas and New Year. We would like to wish everyone a very, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We would also like to extend an invitation to all residents to participate in Village activities and projects during the upcoming year. Meetings are at 6:30 on the second Thursday of each month and are informative, interactive and not all that long.

National Register of Historic Places: A significant part of the downtown area of Lake Linden has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The specific area nominated is detailed below and shown on the map (a link is available on newsletter page). If this nomination is approved, it would mean that the federal government deems the area to be worthy of preservation because of its importance in American history and culture. In addition, if approved, property owners in the historic district would be eligible for investment tax credit (ITC) of up to 20% if rehabilitating work is done on any historic commercial, industrial, or residential building. It should be noted, however, that there is no obligation to any property owner in the approved district to follow any strict guidelines or seek any special approval on property improvements should the property owner not wish to benefit from a possible tax credit.

A complete nomination announcement has been published in the Daily Mining Gazette on Tuesday, 16 December, 2008. The full nomination announcement is also available at the village offices at 401 Calumet St. should you wish to review it. The detailed announcement outlines the steps individual property owners can take if they are not in support of this nomination.

The proposed district includes the properties:

- Fronting on both sides of Calumet St. from 115 and 118-20 to 708 and 709 Calumet St inclusive;
- On the west side of Front St. from 6th to 8th Sts.
- On Hecla St.'s east side from 1st to 4th St.;
- On Hecla's west side from 1st north to include the first lot north of 3rd St.;
- On Schoolcraft St.'s west side from 1st St. north to include 237;
- On Schoolcraft's east side from 1st to 3rd St., but also including 347 3rd St.;
- On both sides of 1st St. between Hecla and Schoolcraft;
- On the south side of 4th St. between Hecla and Calumet; and
- On the north side of 7th St. between Calumet and Maple.

Water Rates: The water bills being sent out on January 4th will reflect a new rate approved by the Council last October. Increases for Village residents will be \$1.00 on the base rate and \$.30 per 1000 gallons and for Township residents it will be \$1.75 on the base rate and \$.30 per 1000 gallons. On an average water bill with 6000-gallon consumption the increase will be \$1.60 per bi-monthly billing for Village and \$2.35 for a township resident.

Cenex Gas Station Progress: The Village Council has been in recent contact with the owners of the Cenex station. They have indicated that the station and convenience store will be rebuilt in the next few months. The required permits have been issued and a Wisconsin firm has been hired to design the station with the hope that construction will begin in January. Completion is anticipated for spring.

Reopening of Lindells: The Lake Linden Downtown Development Authority played a key role in the process of reopening Lindell's, working with the owner and investor to make the goal a reality. The DDA believes that Village residents and visitors to the Village will greatly appreciate the food choices and ambiance of this wonderful, historic facility. The Village also expresses much appreciation to Karen Lahti, realtor with Re/Max Douglass, who worked tirelessly to bring together a successful purchase arrangement.

Winter Parking Ban/Plowing: This is a reminder that the winter parking ban is now in effect. From 3am until 7am each night vehicles left on Village streets can be ticketed and/or towed. This is to facilitate plowing operations by the Village crew. The ban is in effect throughout the winter until April 30th, 2009. Please make arrangements to park your vehicles in garages or yards.

Also, please remember it is a violation of Village ordinance to push snow from walks or driveways across the street. Snow must be put adjacent to the openings on your side of the right-of-way. Violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine.

Ice Rink: Bad weather permitting the ice rink will be opening soon. Hours will be based on volunteer numbers but if you are interested please contact the Village clerk's office. The flooding has been underway and ice should be ready in the next week or so. Once determined, hours and nights of operation will be advertised.

Sled Hill: This year we have decided to try open sledding on the hill overlooking the campground in the Village recreation area. It will likely not be manned but kids can go there to sled down the sloping hill. A parking area will be plowed so you can take sleds by the carload as well.

Downtown Development Authority: The Lake Linden DDA has a vacancy on their Board. The Board meets once per month and is looking for someone who would be active in working on community projects and willing to interject ideas for improving the downtown area. Interested applicants should contact the Village Clerk's office at their convenience.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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