

TOWN OF MONTEZUMA NEWSLETTER
MAY 2016
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In this issue you will find a list of town meetings along with information from the Town Tax Collector, Town Assessor, Town Historian, and Town Clerk.

Port Byron School District Superintendent Neil O'Brien will be at the Town Hall on Wed. May 11, 2016 at 6:00PM for a presentation on the up coming school budget vote to be held on Tues. May 17 from 9AM to 9 PM

Town spring cleanup is scheduled for
May 12th & 13th 6AM to 6PM and May 14th 7AM Till 3 PM
Those over 65 may call the Highway Dept. at 315-776-4315
For pickup no later than Tuesday May 10th, please leave message.

Town Board

For the month of May the regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday May 17 @ 7 PM**

Town Clerk Notes:

The town clerk reminds everyone that she will no longer be selling DEC hunting or fishing licenses. Also please note that the town office will be closed on Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. Please remember all our past or present service members.

Water Clerk Notes:

The water clerk notes that all water bills not yet paid will have penalties added after May 2nd. After May 18th any unpaid bills are subject to shutoff.

Water Committee Meeting – May 24th at 6:30 PM

Tax Collector Notes: Donna Burleton

The tax collector reports that she can no longer accept ant unpaid tax bills .Any unpaid tax bills must be paid to the Cayuga County Treasurer. and must be paid in full payments only including penalties.

Notes From the Assessor: Kim Stone-Gridley

The Assessor reports that the tentative roll will be available for viewing at the Town Clerks Office after May 2nd 2016. The Board of Assessment Review will meet Tuesday May 31st from 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM If you have questions about your assessment to call her at 315-776-8844 ext 3 or on her cell 315-246-3160 She also reminds everyone that she will be out updating pictures in preparation for the 2017 revaluation. She will have ASSESSOR TOWN OF MONTEZUMA signs on her car.

Fire Department: Fire Department meetings are the 1st Monday at 7:30 PM. any one who might be interested in joining should stop by the firehouse any Monday night and speak with either Chief Ken Zimmerman or President Steve Thurston. The Fire Department has **REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS** for sale for only \$15.00 each. Contact any member or call the firehouse at 776-4353 and leave a message or visit the Town Clerks office for a flyer. **REMEMBER THEY CAN'T HELP YOU IF THEY CAN'T FIND YOU.**

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds New Yorkers that residential brush burning in towns with less than 20,000 residents is prohibited from March 16 through May 14.

The department is planning a chicken barbeque for June 11, 2016 watch for further details.

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Fire District Commissioner Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Department President / Commissioner Chairman Steve Thurston reminds everyone that both of these meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Planning Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 10 6:30 PM Regular Meeting - Public Hearing O'Connor Subdivision Application 7:00 PM Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Montezuma Town Hall

Montezuma Historical Society Meeting Thursday, May 12, 1:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Open to all members -- new members welcome Montezuma Town Hall

For more information: Visit the Website at <http://montezumahistoricalsociety.org> or the

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Montezuma-Historical-Society-Friends-of-Montezuma-Heritage-Park-344771502204308/?fref=ts>

Heritage Park Design Committee Meeting Thursday, May 26th at the Montezuma Town Hall,
New members welcome

Updates for Town's Website and/or Community Facebook Page: Items may be submitted for publishing events or other notifications pertaining to the community. Please contact Cheryl Longyear, Town Historian at 315-776-4656 or email: cml115@tds.net

Community Volunteers Wanted: Thanks to volunteers who helped out April 16th for the Canal Clean Sweep. With their help we can be proud to have a park that residents and visitors can enjoy knowing we are doing our part to protect our environment. You can make a huge difference in helping create a shared sense of belonging to strengthen the social, cultural and economic vibrancy of the Town.

Both the Montezuma Historical Society and the Heritage Park Design Committee are inviting new members to join to plan for economic development, preserving our heritage, and making the community a better place to live so we can sustain what matters most. If you are interested, please call Cheryl Longyear at 776-4656.

Notes from The Town Historian:

MAY - THIS PLACE MATTERS HONORS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH:

Historic properties are tangible links with the past that provide a sense of identity and inspire pride in our heritage. The National Register of Historic Places was established in 1966 as the official list of historic properties that have been recognized as significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture. Montezuma is honored to have two very important places listed National Register of Historic Places. It is because of the importance of these sites in American history, that we must be responsible in caring for these properties.

The Mentz Church now owned by the Town of Montezuma is on the register, and it represents a unique example of early nineteenth century architecture in Cayuga County. Virtually intact to its date of construction in 1825, the former ME Church building retains a remarkably high degree of integrity in design, material, craftsmanship and feeling of the early settlers in Montezuma.

The Seneca River Crossing Canals Historic District's is a national historic district located in Montezuma and Tyre. The district as part of the Montezuma Heritage Park includes more than a mile of the enlarged Erie Canal prism (built between 1849 and 1857); towpath and heel path; a dry dock; the remains of the Richmond Aqueduct; remnants of the original Erie Canal built between 1817 and 1825, including Lock #62 and piers of the original mule bridge from that era; and a culvert that carries a stream beneath the Enlarged Erie

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Canal. Many thanks to the Pomeroy Foundation for funding a new National Register Historic Marker that will be placed soon on Route 31 near the Seneca River bridge.