

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

VFW Post 8137 Will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
AUGUST 20, 2016 From 3 pm until? All are welcome. **For more information see below**

**Town Board**

For the month of July the regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday August 16 @ 7 PM**

**Town Clerk Notes:**

The town clerk reminds everyone that she will no longer be selling DEC hunting or fishing licenses.

**Water Clerk Notes:** Reminder all water Bill payments received after August 1 will have late fees added. Any payments received after August 15 will be subject to the water being shut off.

**Water Committee Meeting** – August 23 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 town assessor 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. If you have questions call her at 315-776-8844 ext 3 or on her cell 315-246-3160

**Fire Department:** Fire Department meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Fire District Commissioner Meetings** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Tues August 9 6:30 PM at Town Hall

Montezuma Historical Society (MHS) Board Meeting at Historic Mentz Church McDonald and Mentz Church Roads -- Meeting open to all members. Visit our website at: <http://montezumahistoricalsociety.org>

Heritage Park Design Committee Special Meeting Special Meeting: Thursday, August 4, **(time to TBA)** -- planning meeting with EDR Companies. Regular Meeting: Thursday August 25 at 6:30 PM both meetings at Montezuma Town Hall. New members welcome.

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**Canal Splash Historic Walking Tour**

Starting at the High Street Kiosk by the Firehouse in Montezuma Heritage Park. Mike Riley will be the tour guide telling the fascinating story of New York State's Canal System that began here in 1817 where the first section of the canal was built. Here is your chance to learn about almost 200 years of canal history right in our backyard! Lakeland Supply has donated the use of an all terrain vehicle for the day if you need a ride rather than walking. A donation of \$5 is appreciated to benefit the park's development. Mike has recently video taped several segments of different areas in the park giving just a taste of the fascinating stories he reveals of the canal days in Montezuma during the tour. Videos may be viewed at:

<http://www.montezumahistoricalociety.org/friends-of-the-park/visit-the-park/>

Montezuma VFW Post 8137 50th Anniversary, Erie Street August 20th - 3 PM - ? - The public is invited to celebrate Montezuma's Thurston, Schram, Reynolds VFW 50th Anniversary Celebration. Throughout its fifty years, the Post and its associated groups have sponsored a variety of projects aimed at helping veterans and their families as well as the betterment of the local community. The VFW was formed in March 1966 under the direction of Warren Garner, and its anniversary coincides with that of the Vietnam War era. A national effort was instituted by the U.S. Government under the Department of Defense to do what should have been done 50 years ago: thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their Service and Sacrifice. The Montezuma Historical Society has joined in partnership with this program to recognize local Vietnam Veterans. Special commemorative lapel pins will be presented at the VFW celebration August 20th to living US Veterans who served on active duty in the US Armed Forces any time during the period of November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 regardless of location. Information about the Vietnam War Commemoration can be found at <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>. *Please spread the word to anyone who served during this time period to come to the August 20th event and receive a pin.*

**NEW --** Visit the Memorial Butterfly Garden in Montezuma Heritage Park - A huge thank you to volunteers who worked hard in very hot weather to have the new gazebo assembled and ready for the butterfly and caterpillar release on July 18th. A Seneca Park Zoo educator gave wonderful talk and demonstration followed by a dish-to-pass lunch. A plaque was presented to Kathy Decker and her family for the garden in honor of the generous donation that made this project possible. Thanks also to Tom Fitzsimmons for keeping the plants watered daily during this hot dry spell. Dan Randolph is donating pavers for a walkway and plans are being made for two new benches for the gazebo.

**A great community is something people build so they can have a place where they belong.**

**Community Volunteers Wanted:** 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 to join the committee or help with trail maintenance

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](tel:315.776.4656) or email: [cml115@tds.net](mailto:cml115@tds.net)