

TOWN OF MONTEZUMA NEWSLETTER

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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, Town Clerk

Town Board Meetings:

The regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for March 15th @ 7:00 PM.

A special Town Board Workshop is scheduled for 6:00 PM to discuss budget items.

Town Clerk Notes:

The Town Clerks office will be closed on April 4, 2016 for a Cayuga County Clerks training session to be here in Montezuma.

Water Clerk Notes:

The water clerk notes that the any water bills mailed the 1st of Jan. Are now all past due. If you have not yet paid your bill please call the water clerk at 776-8844 ext. 1. The next water bills will be mailed on April 1st.

Tax Collector Notes: Donna Burleton

The tax collector reports that any unpaid tax bills must be paid in full payments including penalties no later than March 31st. All unpaid tax bills after then will be returned to the county treasurer for collection. The collector will be in her office the following dates; March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 9:00 AM till 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions please call Donna at the above number, @ 776-8844 ext 4

Notes From the Assessor: Kim Stone-Gridley

The Assessor reminds tat today March 1st is the last day that renewals or new exemption requests can be accepted by her. She will be in the office today from 4:00 PM till 7:00 PM. She will be working on the tax roll for 2016 and be out updating pictures. She will have ASSESSOR TOWN OF MONTEZUMA signs on her car. If you have any questions please call Kim at 776-884 ext 3 or on her cell phone at 246-3160. Kim also will be in the office on March 15th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on March 8th and the 22nd from 1:00PM till 4:00 PM.

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.**

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

Planning Board - Tuesday, March 1st Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Review of O'Connor subdivision application

Comprehensive Planning Committee Tuesday March 22 at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Land use planning and future development

Heritage Park Design Committee Meeting Thursday March 24 6:30 PM

Montezuma Historical Society Board Meeting Thursday March 10th at 1:30 PM

All members are welcome to attend For more information:

Visit Website: <http://montezumahistoricalociety.org>

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

Water Committee Meeting – Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM

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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: You can make a 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.

Historic Notes from The Town Historian

This Month in History: *The modern day Thruway, the Montezuma Turnpike, was incorporated March 31, 1815. A toll house just north of the present Route 31 near the Marina collected tolls from those wishing to cross the Montezuma Marsh. Travelers were taxed by the number of wheels on their vehicle and/or the number of animals pulling the vehicle. The Montezuma Turnpike was the brainchild of Comfort Tyler and Dr. Peter Clarke of Montezuma. According to Spafford's "Pocket Guide for Tourist and Traveller" in 1825 "it was a very smooth well-made road and shortened the distance between Elbridge and Palmyra."*

If any of your friends neighbors do not get this newsletter and would like to, have them send their e-mail address to montezumatownnewsletter@gmail.com or stop at the Town Clerks office and leave it with her so we can add them to the list. Any comments or suggestions can also be sent to the same e-mail address.