

**TOWN OF MONTEZUMA NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY 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.

**HERE'S TO A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO ALL.**

**Town Board**

For the month of July the regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday July 19th @ 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 the town clerks office will be closed the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Clerk Notes:** The next water billing will be mailed on July 1, 2016

**Water Committee Meeting** – July 26th 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> Tuesday 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 **REFELECTIVE 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.**

***Congratulations to the departments newest EMT Kelly Thurston.***

**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.

**Town Youth Committee:** The town will be sponsoring a day at the movies which will be a family event. Date and time will be announced once movie selections are made.

Also the town has scheduled a Open Swim at Casey Park every Monday, Wed. and Friday from noon to 1 PM. (Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.) If your child would like to participate in either of these events please contact either Heather Tanner @ 247-4762, Patricia Verdi @ 427-2861 or Town Clerk June Smith @ 776-8844 ext 1 as soon as possible. Bus transportation will be provided.

**Planning Board Meeting:** **Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM** Regular Meeting – @ Montezuma Town Hall  
Draft Comprehensive Plan Update: A public meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21st to discuss the town's draft Comprehensive Plan. Amanda Mazzoni from CNY Regional Development and Planning Board gave a brief overview of the draft plan and goals that has been developed over the last 1-1/2 years. The Plan will now be reviewed by the Cayuga County planning with an environmental review for comment. The Comprehensive Planning Committee will address any needed changes and then the Town Board will vote it on before it is

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formally adopted. It will be used as a basis for updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance, possible subdivision changes and addressing the needs of Town residents. The Draft Plan is online at: <http://townofmontezuma.org>

### **Montezuma Historical Society (MHS)**

NEW -- Tuesday, July 5, 10 AM - Memorial Butterfly Garden Project Begins -- MHS's member, Kathleen Decker and her family and friends have made a donation to the Montezuma Heritage Park to create a Butterfly Garden in memory of her parents and brother. With the money donated a gazebo will be installed and a garden started to attract butterflies in the area of the mural along the Byron Lapp Memorial Trail. The Seneca Park Zoo Butterfly Beltway program will provide plantings and a butterfly release to establish the garden. Volunteers are needed on July 5th to help with the plantings. If you are interested in helping with this exciting project, call Cheryl Longyear at 776-4656. The Town sends our thank you to Kathleen and the Shaw Family.

### **Heritage Park Design Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30 PM @ Montezuma Town Hall**

New members welcome; we will be meeting with Doug Gerber and Grant Johnson, EDR Companies to begin an Interpretive Plan for the Montezuma Heritage Park under funding from the EPF Grant.

Wednesday, July 13th - 7 AM - Volunteers will be set up on Erie Street to meet and greet the bicyclists from across the state and around the world traveling from Buffalo to Albany during the week for the 18th Annual Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour. Participants will be learning about the people, places and events that shaped the Erie Canal and its vital role in American history.

Thursday, July 14, 2016, 1:30 PM - MHS Board of Trustees Meeting to be held at Historic Mentz Church; Visit our website at: <http://montezumahistoricalociety.org>

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)

**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