



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed of important town news

TOWN CLERK - June Smith
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OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Tues., Wed., 9 AM-3 PM; Thurs. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 PM

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS - John Malenick, Town Supervisor; Councilmen: Lee Brew, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Joel Glimpse, Thomas Hitchcock Jr.

BOARD MEETING - Third Tues.-6:30 PM

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT - Dustin Roach, Supt., Chapman Road
 Phone & Fax: 315-776-4315; Email: montezumahighway@yahoo.com

HIGHWAY WINTER HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. 5 AM-3:30 PM; or as needed weather related

TOWN ASSESSOR - Jeff Lowe Office:
315-776-8844; Cell :315-783-4104 - Hours:
Wed. 4:30-7:30 PM or by appointment

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - John E. Greer
 Office: 315-776-8844; Cell 315-730-2408. Hours: Tues., 4-6 PM

DOG CONTROL OFFICER - Rosalind Barnhart. Phone: 315-776-9722

PLANNING BOARD CLERK/HISTORIAN - Cheryl Longyear; Call for appointment: 315-776-4635

PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 2ND TUES - 7 PM.

TAX COLLECTOR - Donna Burleton
 Phone: Office: 315-776-8844, Extension 4; Home 315-776-8583

COURT CLERK - Kathy Smith
Clerk Hours: Mon. & Thurs.-10 AM-1 PM
 Phone: 315-776-9163; Fax: 315-776-9908

COURT HOURS: First, Second & Third Wed, - 7 PM; Fourth Wed. - 6 PM; Fifth Wed. - No Court.



Marian Ellinwood, Planning Board Member steps down

After over forty years of service Marian Ellinwood is stepping down from her appointed position as a Planning Board member. A resident of the Town of Montezuma, living at Stop 69, Marian shared that she enjoyed her many years on the Planning Board. She rarely ever missed a meeting and we on the planning board could always count on her to remember and respond to any number of prior planning board questions we might need answered. She always actively participated in discussions and was willing to share her experience. During her terms in office she has worked with the Planning Board to complete the Town's first Comprehensive Plan and re-write the Town's Zoning Code, along with reviewing numerous subdivisions for property owners.

Although her health remains good and her memory is as sharp as a tack, at age 92 it is getting more difficult for Marian to get out for meetings especially during the winter months. She also shared she recently appreciated and enjoyed several holiday gifts and meals from her neighbors and family. We often here Marian tell us, "I live in the best neighborhood in the United States." That's quite a testament to the neighbors of Stop 69 who look out for her.

On behalf of the Town and Planning Board members: Joe Verdi, Barb Culotti, Carol and John Fordyce, and myself — thank you, Marian! We will miss you!

Cheryl Longyear, Planning Board Clerk

Water Department

Water Billing Clerk

Heather Tanner

Office Hours:

Mondays 4 - 6 PM

Thursdays 9 - 11 AM

Phone: 315-776-8844

Email:

montezumawaterclerk@yahoo.com

Payments:

Please mail or use the drop box outside the Town Hall for the safety of our customers.

Montezuma Water District #1

PO Box 357

Montezuma, NY 13117

Billing Information:

Water Meters are read quarterly. Bills are due 30 days from billing date; 10% penalty added to bill after thirty (30) days. Water bills **not paid after 60 days**, the water will be shut off.

Full payments (ONLY)

Emergency Water Contacts

Water Operator: Stan Longyear

315-406-6572 (cell); 315-776-4656 (home); if not available, call:

Highway Supt.: Dustin Roach Highway

315-776-4315 (garage); 607-221-2208 (cell)

Town Supervisor: John Malenick

315-729-6611 (cell)

Water Committee meetings are held monthly. Please contact the Water Clerk during office hours for date & time of the next meeting.

Let us know if you have a community event to promote. It can be placed in this newsletter, on Facebook and the Town website. Cheryl Longyear, Editor
315-776-4656
cml115@tds.net

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Town Hall, 8102 Dock Street unless otherwise specified. Please note until further notice, masks and social distancing of 6-feet apart remains in affect for all town hall meetings. Please sign-in the foyer before entering the meeting room.

- **Tuesday, January 12, 2021; 7 PM**
Town Planning Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 19, 2021; 6:30 PM**
Town Board Meeting

Announcements:

- **Highway Superintendent** - Normal winter shop hours are from **5:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday to Thursday**. The staff is on call for snow plowing duty 24 hours a day/7 days a week. It is requested, please no street parking during winter season as it hinders snow removal. — *Thanks from the Highway Staff!*
- **Assessor:** A letter is being mailed to all property owners who received an exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes or an exemption for Senior Citizens on the 2020 Tax Assessment Roll. The Town Board on **December 22, 2020**, adopted a resolution that it will NOT require exempted property owners to file with the Assessor Renewal Applications for the 2021 Assessment Roll due to COVID-19 precautions. The Resolution will not affect the Agricultural Assessment Exemption Renewal. — *Jeff Lowe*
- **Tax Collector:** Office Hours for 2021 will be **Monday-Friday 3:00-6:00 PM**. Due to COVID restrictions taxpayers are encouraged to pay by cash, money order or official check and mail payments to:
Montezuma Tax Collector
PO Box 357, Montezuma, NY 13117
Cash payments will be accepted Wednesday's ONLY, preferably by appointment to allow for social distancing guidelines. Please call 315-776-8844, Ext. 4 during office hours or 315-776-8583 to schedule an appointment. — *Donna Burleton*

Community Involvement Opportunities

Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy....If you are interested in serving on the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals, please call the Town Clerk's office at 315-776-8844. (Town Board Appointed).

"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them."
— *Albert Einstein*

Website: <http://townofmontezuma.org>