



# 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  
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**HIGHWAY SUMMER HOURS: BEGINNING APRIL 5TH** - Mon.-Thurs. 6 AM-4:30 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: 315-776-4656

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

## *Comprehensive Plan Review*

In 2016, the Town Board approved the Town of Montezuma's first Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was created to guide Town officials and the community in making decisions that affect the future of the town and to be a basis for guiding future growth, development and community preservation.

A committee consisting of town planning board members and the town supervisor began meeting monthly in 2014 with a consultant from the Central New York Regional Planning Development Board. A survey was mailed to 420 town residents and property owners to seek out opinions on present-day Montezuma and what the public sees for the Town of Montezuma in the future. 82 surveys were completed and returned; a 21% response rate. The analysis of the results formed the basis for the Comprehensive Plan. All Comprehensive Planning meetings were open to the public.

Because communities are continually changing and adjusting to new conditions, the plan is a work in progress considered a document of guiding principles for the future development and growth decisions. The Plan should be reviewed regularly to ensure it's continued relevance with existing conditions, goals and objectives. It was recommended that following its adoption the Town Board should conduct an in-depth review of the plan every five years. The Plan should be a "living document."

All the work that the community has done thus far in preparing the Comprehensive Plan can be lost without a solid framework for implementation based on available funding resources and realistic expectations. Some may be implemented over a longer period of time, others will be concentrated, short-term effort, but all elements of the Plan should be considered in terms of the town budget, time frames and available staff for implementation.

Over the next few months the Town Board will be reviewing the plan including the public survey and the plan's identified the Goals & Recommendations (Chapter 1). The full Comprehensive Plan document can be reviewed on the Town's website at: <https://townofmontezuma.org/town-of-montezuma-seeks-public-input-for-comprehensive-plan/>

## 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](mailto: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  
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## Comprehensive Plan Review

The Plan was formed with the following vision:

### TOWN VISION:

*"The Town of Montezuma strives to preserve its rural character, cultural and historic assets, and agricultural and natural resources while encouraging economic growth and an expansion of services to meet the needs of the community."*

## Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Town Hall, 8102 Dock Street unless otherwise specified. Please sign-in the foyer before entering the meeting room.

- **Tuesday, June 8, 2021; 7 PM**  
Town Planning Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, June 15, 2021; 6:30 PM**  
Town Board Meeting

### \*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*

#### Town of Montezuma Grievance Day

**Thursday, June 3rd; 4:00- 8:00 PM**, Montezuma Town Hall

**Town Clerk's Office will be CLOSED - Monday, June 7th** for a Cayuga County Town Clerk's meeting.

**Town Assessor's Office will be CLOSED - Wednesday, June 2nd** and **starting June 9th**, the Assessor, Jeff Lowe hours will be changing by thirty minutes to **Wednesdays, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.**

**2021 Recycling Events:** Cayuga County currently has some events scheduled for disposal and recycling options on their website at the link below or call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183; <https://www.cayugacounty.us/703/Disposal-and-Recycling-Options>



**SAT., JUNE 12TH  
11 AM TO 6 PM**

## Port Byron Federated Church

35 Tex Pultz Parkway Drive, Port Byron

Benefit: Montezuma Historical Society Supporting & Preserving Hometown History

Website: <http://townofmontezuma.org>