



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed of important town news

TOWN CLERK: Marie Cronin
Hours: **Mon., Tues.** Thurs., Fri. — 11 AM - 4 PM
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Hours: Wed — 8 - 11 AM; 3:30 - 4:30 PM
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TOWN BOARD MEMBERS - Supervisor: David Corey; Councilman & Deputy Town Supervisor: Lee Brew, Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Joel Glimpse, Thomas Hitchcock Jr.

BOARD MEETING - Third Tues.— 6:00 PM

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT - Ken Cook, Deputy Supt., Chapman Road; Phone & Fax: 315-776-4315; Email: montezumahighway@gmail.com; **NEW HOURS** Effective 4/11/22: 5:30 AM–4 PM Mon.-Thurs; on duty as needed for weather conditions

TOWN ASSESSOR - Jeff Lowe Office: 315-776-8844; **Cell** :315-783-4104 - Hours: Wed. 5:00-8:00 PM or by appointment

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

PLANNING BOARD CLERK/HISTORIAN- Cheryl Longyear; Call for appointment: 315-776-4656

PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 2ND TUES - 7 PM as required.

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.

Montezuma Heritage Park Rt 31 Parking Lot Dedication Saturday, September 17, 2022; 2 PM

An important improvement for both the Town of Montezuma and the New York State's 750 mile-long Canalway System has been completed. The project was awarded grant funding from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) EPA Grant Program in 2018.

The project has been a successful collaboration between New York State, Town of Montezuma Highway Department, Friends of Montezuma Heritage Park volunteers and the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The parkland was first acquired from a grant received through the Outdoor Recreation Development Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965. The Town Supervisor who initiated the proposal was David Butler, Jr., serving the Town from 1954 to 1965. Following his term Byron Lapp, Sr. completed the land acquisition by transferring seven parcels that were designated for the development of a park.

Both men were dedicated to serving their country, family, and community providing leadership while leaving a legacy that lives on today. If they were still with us today, I'm sure they would be proud to see their vision a reality. With the completion of the parking lot, visitors traveling the New York State Canalway Trail and Empire State Trail will now have direct access to the park. Now visible from the state highway, the entrance to the park from Route 31, it opens up this important local asset where it can provide residents and visitors active and passive recreation while enjoying the natural and historic beauty of the area. The interpretation of this site preserves the story of the Canal's evolution and contribution that also opened up transportation to the Nation.

The Route 31 Parking lot will be dedicated in David Butler, Jr.'s honor at the dedication on September 17th at 2 PM, and the public is invited to the event. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Town Hall. The Town will also recognize the important partnering organizations, volunteers, and in-kind donations who without their generosity and dedication would not have made the completion of the project possible.

Water Department

Water Billing Clerk

Heather Tanner

Office Hours:

Mondays 4 - 5:30 PM

Wednesdays 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:

Deputy Highway Supt; Ken Cook

315-776-4315 (garage); Cell: 315-224-7759

Water Committee: Councilman Tom

Fitzsimmons 315-776-5222 (home)

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
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Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Town Hall, 8102 Dock Street unless otherwise specified. Please sign-in when entering the meeting room and save public comments for time given at the end of the Town Board's meeting.

Planning Board Meeting:

September 13, 2022 - 7 PM

Town Board Meeting:

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 6 PM

Announcements:

• Electronics Disposal — October 1st

Hazardous Materials Waste Day — October 29th

Details regarding these two events will be announced at the beginning of September with the location and how to sign up. (will be required). Information will be posted on the town's website, at the town hall and post office as soon as it's available.



• The Highway Department extends a huge thank you to town residents for their cooperation in following the guidelines for this year's Clean Up Days. Everyone did a great job, and Ken and Dave appreciate all of the great cooperation.

• As fall approaches and leaves and tree branches fall, please make sure if you take them to the designated area brush pile on Chapman Road there are no manufactured wood products included.

• Enjoy a safe fall season and remember school busses will be back out in full force starting the 6th of September; please drive safe.



Thank you from the Highway Department

• **PROPERTY TAX QUESTIONS?** Property owners must now contact the Cayuga County Treasurer's office at 315-253-1211 with any questions regarding payment of property taxes.

• **Town Clerk Hours** — Marie Cronin, Town Clerk, will be on vacation **September 7 - 18**. Deputy Town Clerk Shawn Dingman will be covering the Town Clerk's office: **Monday-Thursday** - 8 AM-12 Noon; and 3 PM-4 PM; **Friday** 8 AM-Noon during that time.



Montezuma Heritage Park named one of four area State Birding Trails

A New York State Birding Trail was recently completed, and Montezuma Heritage Park, Montezuma Audubon Center, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, and the Northern Montezuma Wetland Management Area are among local designations. Thanks to Alyssa Johnson at the Audubon Center for alerting me to the online application that I submitted and was approved last spring. Look for our new signs provided by DEC located at the trailheads.

The New York State Birding Trail showcases the diverse variety of habitats and landscapes and more than 450 species of birds found here. A new area was recently cleared by Tom Fitzsimmons southwest of the Route 31 parking lot. It opens a prime area in the park for birding. A birding map is available at <http://ibirding.org> with specific information.