



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed of important town news

TOWN CLERK: Marie Cronin
 Hours: **Mon., Tues.** Thurs., Fri. — 11 AM - 4 PM
 8102 Dock Street, Montezuma, NY 13117
 Phone: (315) 776-8844. Ext. 1
 Email: montezumaclerk@tds.net
 Fax: (315) 776-9943

Town Clerk's office CLOSED on Wednesdays

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

WINTER HOURS: 5 AM–3:30 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.



2023 Tax Collector Schedule

The Montezuma tax collector, Donna Burleton will be available at the Town office:

January 2, 2023 through March 31, 2023
Monday through Friday
 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Taxpayers are encouraged to pay by check, money order, or official check made payable to:

Montezuma Tax Collector
P.O. Box 357
Montezuma NY 13117

When paying in person with cash please bring the exact amount if possible. If you are unable to make your payment during the scheduled office hours noted above, please call 315-776-8844, ext. 4, or call 315-776-8583 to schedule an appointment.

Please Note: The tax collector will not be in the office on **Thursday, January 12th**, due to a medical appointment.

Donna Burleton
 Tax Collector

Exemption Renewals

Forms were mailed to town residents and those forms need to be returned to the assessor by the end of February. Also, new exemptions are also due by the end of February.

Jeff Lowe
 Assessor



Christmas Tree Disposal

Ready to dispose of your live Christmas Tree now with more needles on the floor than the tree? Drop it off at the Town Brush pile on Chapman Road, and the Highway Department will process it through the chipper.

Water Department

Water Billing Clerk

Heather Tanner

Office Hours:

Mondays 4 - 5:30 PM

Wednesdays 4 - 5:30 PM

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
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 sign-in when entering the meeting room and save public comments for time given at the end of the Town Board's meeting.

Town Board 2023 Organizational Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6 PM

Town Board Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6 PM

Announcements:

- **Highway Department Winter Hours** are now effective from 5 am-3:30 pm **Monday -Thursday**. Winter will be here before you know it. Please don't park on the road so we can make sure the roads are plowed and safe.

Thank you
Highway Department.

Position Vacancies:

- **Planning Board** - Please contact David Corey, Town Supervisor, if you are interested in serving the Town Planning Board at 315-776-8844. There are currently three vacancies including the **Part Time Planning Board Clerk** and **two other board members**. More information about the Planning Board positions are available on the town website at: <https://townofmontezuma.org/announcements-position-vacancies/>
- **Court Clerk - Part Time** (10 hours per week) - Must have good communication and computer skills and be discreet. Will train right person. Must be a resident of the Town of Montezuma. Must be available **Wednesday** evenings and various hours during day. Call 315-776-9163 (**Monday or Thursday** 10am - 1 pm) with questions or send resume to ksmith5@nycourts.gov. Thank you.

Kathy Smith
Court Clerk

United Way of Cayuga County 2023-24 Funding Cycle



Annual Funding applications are being accepted now through February 10, 2023, to support health and human service programs supporting Cayuga County residents. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit located within Cayuga County or serving Cayuga County residents. For more details on criteria, eligibility, the funding term, and how to apply, please review the United Way of Cayuga County's press release at the end of the newsletter.

<http://townofmontezuma.org>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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United Way of Cayuga County Announces 2023-24 Funding Cycle

December 19, 2022 - Auburn, N.Y. The United Way of Cayuga County has announced that the application for its 2023-24 funding cycle is now open.

Criteria for United Way of Cayuga County Annual Funding

The United Way of Cayuga County (UWCC) believes that if individuals and families have access to what they need, an entire community thrives. When partnering with agencies in the community with like-minded ideals, UWCC looks to support opportunity and impact in the areas of education, financial stability, health, and basic needs, as we see these as the building blocks for a healthy and fulfilling life.

Successful applications will directly address health, education, financial stability, and/or basic needs: areas of children and youth achieving their potential through education and healthy family lives, helping families and individuals become financially stable and self-sufficient, improve the overall physical and mental wellness of people of all ages, and/or provide a direct, safety net resource or basic need.

A committee of experienced volunteers from the community make funding decisions based on community priorities, ongoing research, local knowledge, available funding, and the following criteria and guidelines:

1. Applicants programming request aligns with the abovementioned United Way focus areas
2. Program(s) address policy, systems, or individual change
3. Program(s) engage and mobilize the community
4. Program(s) address need(s) in the community
5. Program(s) address underlying causes of social issues
6. Program(s) demonstrate measurable impact
7. Organization or initiative(s) exhibit excellence in performance, partnerships, and leadership
8. Organization or initiative(s) exhibit strong governance

The United Way of Cayuga County does not fund:

1. Non-registered charities
2. For-profit organizations
3. Political parties
4. Religious activities
5. Capital expenses
6. Deficit funding

Eligibility

United Way of Cayuga County nonprofit Member Agencies must meet a set of eligibility criteria annually. This provides assurance to our donors, sponsors, and supporters that our member organizations meet the highest standards of financial stewardship, and program success. All United Way of Cayuga County Member Agencies are located in Cayuga County or serve Cayuga County residents, and are 501c(3) nonprofit organizations.

Funding Term

Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30, and the application process begins in December with determinations made in April.

The Application can be found on their website:

www.unitedwayofcayugacounty.org/apply . Please direct any questions to their 2 State Street, Auburn NY office: 315-253-9741.