



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
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Shawn Dingman
Hours: Wed. 8-11 AM; 3:30-4:30 PM

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.

ARRIVING IN MONTEZUMA NEW YORK



Saturday, December 17

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Montezuma Fire Department will be escorting Santa Claus around town on Saturday, December 17th. Look for the shiny red fire truck making a trip through your neighborhood. To add a stop to your house respond to a message on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MontezumaFireDepartment>



And, in Port Byron starting at Noon, Santa will be making an appearance also on Saturday, December 17th celebrating with festive food, vendors, entertainment, and a Christmas tree lighting at 5 PM!!!!

Check out the details for the day on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/CanalDaysCny>

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
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 Public Hearing on Establishing a Local Law Government Code Enforcement Program

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 5:30 PM

The local law provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the "Uniform Code") and the State Energy Conservation Code (the "Energy Code") in this Town of Montezuma. This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. A copy of the proposed law is available to read at the Town office, 8102 Dock Street during Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Town Board Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 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.
- **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.
- **Cayuga County Youth Bureau** - The County has recently allocated \$250,000 American Rescue Plan Act funding to hire a new full time director and establish new programs for youth. If you are interested in helping coordinate a program to help youth in Montezuma, please contact the Town Office at 315-776-8844.

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 will be three vacancies including the Planning Board Clerk. More information about the Planning Board position is 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

Happy Holidays

New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

Do you need help paying for overdue water and wastewater bills?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help.

LIHWAP is a drinking water and wastewater emergency assistance program funded through new federal resources. Benefits are based on the amount of unpaid water and wastewater bills owed by applicants. This assistance is targeted at low income households and income guidelines will mirror that of the Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHWAP benefits are based on the actual amount of drinking water and/or wastewater arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per drinking water or wastewater provider, or \$5,000 if drinking water and wastewater services are combined, per household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's drinking water and/or wastewater vendor(s).

Eligibility and benefits are based on:

- income,
- household size,
- household includes a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or qualified alien, and
- amount owed to drinking water and/or wastewater provider(s).

Primary applicants must provide:

- Proof of identity
- Proof of residence
- Documentation of earned and unearned income
- A drinking water, wastewater, or combined drinking water and wastewater bill listing their permanent and primary residence
- A valid Social Security Number (SSN)
 - SSNs of additional household members will be requested

For more information, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>





Important Water Survey

The letter below was recently sent to property owners in the Town of Montezuma. It is important that you return the completed survey in order to determine what residences are in need of public water supply.

If you are a property owner and did not receive the letter and survey, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (315) 776-8844, for a copy.

November 28, 2022

Dear Resident:

The Town Board of Montezuma has been receiving requests from residents to look into providing public water in various areas of the Town. As a result of these requests, the Town has decided to implement this questionnaire in your area. The results of this questionnaire will be used to determine if and where to begin the next step in the process to form a new water service area, if there is sufficient interest.

We realize that this type of project could be a sizeable undertaking, and the Town would need State and/or Federal funding to allow for a reasonable cost. Typically, this type of project is not paid for through town-wide property taxes, but instead via water billings to those properties that are within the project area. Therefore, it is very important that we receive the highest number of resident responses possible.

Overall, this questionnaire will assist us in evaluating your situation, problems, and/or most importantly your comments. It will also assist us in identifying if your area is in need of public water systems.

We thank you for your

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Thank you,

Town Board
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