



# 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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**TOWN BOARD MEMBERS** - Supervisor: David Corey; Councilman & Deputy Town Supervisor: Lee Brew, Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Chris Howard, 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](mailto: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

**HISTORIAN**- Cheryl Longyear; 315-776-4656

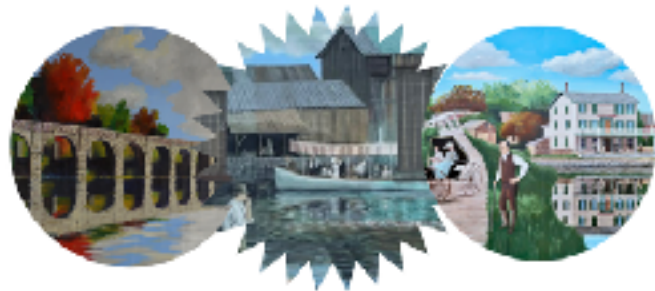
**PLANNING BOARD** - **Leah Corey, Clerk 2ND TUES** - 7 PM as required.

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

**COURT CLERK** - Dawn Bisgrove, Clerk Hours:  
 Effective 4/1/23-Mon. & Thurs. 3:30-6:30 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.

PRESERVING COMMUNITY & CULTURE  
 THROUGH ART & HISTORY  
 ON THE ERIE CANAL



In honor of the celebration of the building and opening of the Erie Canal, the Lock 52 Historical Society of Port Byron and Montezuma Historical Society will present a 2023 series of programs. The opening of the canal served as a conduit for social change, bringing reformers in the abolition and the Underground Railroad, suffrage, and religious movements to communities in central and western New York. The canal's towpath served as a route to freedom for slaves on the Underground Railroad.

A display of original artworks from Port Byron and Montezuma depicting early community life revolving along the Erie Canal will be on display at Port Byron Lock 52 Historical Society's Pine Street House Museum. The exhibit will feature a unique collection of paintings, murals, artwork, and drawings illustrating iconic scenes of the early Erie Canal era. These images document the first opened navigation in this area in the 1820s and throughout the Enlarged Erie Canal era. Some of the artists are locally known, while others originate from as far away as Ireland and have captured life along the Erie Canal.

The museum will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM and on Saturday's by appointment. Visit the website at: <https://www.portbyronhistorical.org/port-byron-historical-events>

What do art and shipwrecks have to do with each other? Find out on **May 20th**, a Walking Tour will be held in Montezuma Heritage Park from **10 to 11:30 AM** to the remains of the site where an unusual historic towpath bridge once spanned the Seneca River to allow vessels to make the crossing on the newly opened Erie Canal in the early 1800s before the Richmond Aqueduct was built.

## 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](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:

#### Deputy Highway Supt; Ken Cook

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

#### Water Committee Chair, 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  
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A presentation will be held the same day at **2 PM at the Samuel Center for Canal History**, 36 Rochester St. Internationally known artist, Len Tantillo, and canal historian/underwater investigator, Art Cohn will weave a story together about Len's latest painting that was inspired by the Montezuma towpath bridge crossing. The painting, *Martin's Journey West* will be unveiled during the program.

## 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.

**School Board Budget Meeting at Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6 PM**

**Town Planning Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7 PM**

**Town Board Monthly Meeting:  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 PM**

## Announcements

### *Reminder: The Annual Burn Ban is Now in Effect through May 14*

Open burning is the single greatest cause of wildfires in New York State. Since the spring burn ban was implemented in 2009, the number of wildfires has decreased by more than 40 percent.

### *Attention Contractors and Landlords*

Now is your chance to become an EPA Lead-Safe Certified Renovator for FREE! Cayuga County Health Department is sponsoring a course on June 27th, 8:00 to 4:00 PM at Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District. Spots are limited and registration is REQUIRED by June 16th. Call (315) 253-1563.



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