



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*...keeping residents informed of important town news*

**TOWN CLERK:** Marie Cronin  
Hours: **Mon., Tues.** Thurs., Fri. — 11 AM - 4 PM  
**DEPUTY CLERK:** Candis Cook  
Hours: Wed. 11 AM-2 PM  
8102 Dock Street, Montezuma, NY 13117  
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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.

## The Power of Public Art: How Murals Beautify and Build Communities



The Erie Canal was called the information highway. It transported people, goods and ideas across New York State that led to dynamic rapid expansion of the country. Today, along that same route it connects our individual community stories that developed along the Erie Canal portrayed through murals as public art. The artist's unique and colorful depictions of historic scenes in communities brings to life the richness and diversity of each community's local culture and history.

Dawn Jordan has created visual landmarks that anchor our collective identity and strings a thread through the towns and villages in our area.

As a part of our 2023 Summer Art and History Series Lock 52 Port Byron and Montezuma Historical Societies are offering a special Open House on **Saturday, June 10th, between 10 AM and 2 PM**. We will be honoring Dawn, as our Artist in Residence and **at 12 PM** she will be available to answer questions about her mural design process and discuss her experiences creating her artwork. Joining Dawn will be historians Mike Riley from Mentz and Cheryl Longyear from Montezuma to share the historic significance of the murals and how the projects were created.

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>

## 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  
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 Planning Board Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7 PM

### Town Board Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6 PM

## Announcements

### 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.



**The Town of Montezuma 2022 Water Quality Report** has been published by the Cayuga County Health Department. A copy of the report is available on the Town website at: <https://townofmontezuma.org/>

### \$500K available in small business grants

The Cayuga County Small Business Assistance Grant was created to financially assist small businesses within the County that suffered negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The County was awarded funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CSLFRF") and the American Rescue Plan Act. On April 26, 2022 the Cayuga County Legislature approved a resolution to allocate \$500,000 for a term-limited small business grant program.

Applications are being accepted from **May 1, 2023 to June 12, 2023**. For more information on how to apply contact: <https://cayugaeda.org/countygrant/>

<http://townofmontezuma.org>