



# 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  
Phone: (315) 776-8844. Ext. 1  
Email: [montezumaclerk@tds.net](mailto:montezumaclerk@tds.net)  
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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.

## Launching the “Montezuma”



In honor of Montezuma’s important part in the first opening of the canal the Montezuma Historical Society is donating a model canal boat representing our town’s early Canal history. Volunteers will re-construct the boat’s decking that will hold the mural painted by Dawn Jordan in 2012 located at the High Street entrance to the Montezuma Heritage Park. With the middle section of the Erie Canal completed between Utica and Montezuma in 1819, many villages came into existence and those already existing showed new life. Montezuma particularly was a bustling place with hotels, saloons, locks and dry docks. It had a frontier town air about it.

On April 13, 1820, the Erie Canal Transportation Company’s elegant draft, the “Montezuma,” was launched from here. It was 76 feet in length and contained an elegant dining room, kitchen and after cabin, with other conveniences to accommodate passengers.

The Cayuga Republican of April 25th said the boat was “*finished in a style not inferior to any boats of passage on the American waters. She will be ready for running upon the can in about 10 days, and will run back and forth from Seneca River to Utica, a distance of 96 miles in 24 hours.. On the day of launching, the Montezuma was taken through the lock on the canal and drawn by two horses, two miles in 30 minutes with 70 passengers aboard.*”

In July, the line boats the “Montezuma” and “Oneida Chief” went into operation between Utica and Montezuma. The boats left Montezuma and Utica respectively Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 AM and met in the evening in Manlius; proceeding the next day at 4 AM and arriving at the respective destinations at 6 PM. The price of passage, including meals and lodging was \$4.00. “Way” passengers would pay three cents per mile.

The boats were designed and partly owned by Colonel Comfort Tyler, a prominent Montezuma businessman in the early days. Tyler was also a prominent figure in the Montezuma Salt business and one of the first settlers of Onondaga County.

## 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](mailto: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, July 11, 2023 at 7 PM

### Town Board Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6 PM

## Announcements



**Water Billing Notice:** Due to the July 4th holiday water bills will be mailed later this month. The Town will also be transitioning with the new water meter reading system during this time. Thank you for your patience as we worked to set up the new system.

### NOTICE OF COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL (Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that the **Final Assessment Roll** for the Town of Montezuma in the County of Cayuga, for the year 2023, has been completed by the undersigned assessor and a certified copy thereof will be filed in the office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of July, 2023, where the same will remain open to the public for inspection.

DATED this 1st day of July 2023  
Jeffrey Lowe, Assessor



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