



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
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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

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.

200 Years of Erie Canal History

In 2025, New York State will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the official opening of the Erie Canal. In Montezuma, travel on the Erie had already begun with the Middle Section opening in 1819. In honor of our community's canal heritage, a replica canal boat representing "The Montezuma" is being donated to the Town by the Montezuma Historical Society. It holds the mural painted by Dawn Jordan in 2012, showing the Exchange Hotel. The hotel located on this site was destroyed by fire in 1918 located at the junction of the original Erie and Cayuga-Seneca Canals that flowed through the town



Progress of the construction of the replica of the "Montezuma" packet board being built to celebrate Montezuma's rich Erie Canal heritage.

The project is being headed up by Stephen Gillmore with the help of David Calvin, both experienced carpenters from Stop 69. We are excited to see this project finally completed. It was one of three projects identified to interpret the site's history and make it a visible entrance to the park in a 2010 Planning Project Grant awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

It will welcome the many visitors traveling to visit sites along the New York State Empire Trail. Our sign-in kiosk books are filled with visitors from all over including Japan, China, Argentina, France, UK, Canada and several states with comments appreciating the beauty of the nature park and its history.

Water Department

Water Billing Clerk

Heather Tanner

Office Hours:

Mondays 4:45 - 5:30 PM

Wednesdays 4:45 - 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 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, August 8, 2023 at 7 PM

Town Board Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6 PM

Cayuga County Office of the Aging Services

The Office of the Aging is now located at the Boyle Center. All Office for the Aging inquiries should be made by phone at **315-253-1226** or **Email: ccofa@cayugacounty.us**. While the office is open to the public, it is recommend that you call or e-mail to schedule an appointment to meet with you. Many questions can be answered by phone or e-mail, and mail informational materials can be sent by postal mail.

Meals on Wheels may be delivered to those in Cayuga County that are eligible for that service. Please call **315-253-1550** for more information. Volunteer drivers, delivery partners and substitutes are needed for about two hours of the morning. Mileage reimbursement is available for rural routes. You may call 315-253-1104 or email meals@cayugacounty.us to learn more.

Contributions can now be made to the **Senior Nutrition Program** via the following link: www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/cyg/plc/a0030k. There is a very small service charge for making an online contribution and the donor will need to specify 'Cayuga County Senior Nutrition Program' or 'Cayuga County Meals on Wheels' in the payment description. If you have any questions about this please reach out to us at 315-253-1550.

The office continues to provide **Contracted Aide Service and Case Management Services** for clients and is accepting referrals for those 60 and over who need help in the home and meet program eligibility.

The NY Connects program provides free, unbiased information about long term care services and supports for people of all ages and income levels. The goal is to help individuals live as independently as possible while meeting the medical, social and functional needs that arise from aging or disability. For **NYCONNECTS** long-term care options counseling and benefits eligibility assistance call 315-253-1226.

Additional information may be found on the Cayuga County website at: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/507/Office-for-the-Aging>

<http://townofmontezuma.org>