



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed of important town news

## Happy New Year!



## Children are our Future...

The challenging times we have been living through the last few years has been very difficult, especially for our youth who are confused and feeling less secure in today's world. Communities can play a vital role in supporting youth programs and could help create a network of resources that promote growth and development among young people. Youth programs help children, tweens and teens build confidence, positive values, and a sense of identity. They also create bonds that last a lifetime.

Cayuga County Youth Bureau can help our communities set up a program for our youth. But no one person can give youth programs the support they need. It takes a collective effort that includes government leaders, organizers, residents, and local businesses. The need for a coordinator is being discussed to help organize and partner with other communities in the Port Byron School District.

If you are interested in helping to organize a community effort for our youth to grow into strong, healthy adults, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

**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)  
Fax: (315) 776-9943

**TOWN BOARD MEMBERS** - Supervisor: David Corey; Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Chris Howard, Thomas Hitchcock Jr., Marvin King

**BOARD MEETING** - Third Tues.— 6:00 PM

**TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT** - Ken Cook, Supt.  
David Ware 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, or as posted on monthly schedule

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

**COURT JUSTICES:** Honorable Cary Eldred  
and Patricia Verdi; Dawn Bisgrove, Clerk  
Hours: 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.

## 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](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:

#### 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 as needed. 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 Organizational New Year Meeting  
**Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6 PM**
- Regular Town Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6 PM**

## Announcements:

- **The Exemption Renewal forms** for Senior Citizens, Disability and Agricultural Land are due at the end of February. Any property owner applying for a new tax exemption needs to apply by February 29, 2024. Questions regarding tax exemptions should be directed to the town assessor.  
*— Jeff Lowe, Assessor*



- **It's Trade a Tree Time** at Cayuga Ccounty Soil and Water District. Now that Christmas is over you can recycle your tree. Bring in your old tree and get a free coupon for baby Fraser Fir to be picked up at the Spring Annual Tree Sale. For drop off hours and more information call (315)253-4171, Ext. 4.
- **Please remember to park off street** during the winter months so highway crews can safely keep our roads cleared. Thank you!
- **2024 Property Tax Payment Schedule**
  - ♦ January 1st through April 1st, 2024 Monday thru Friday, 11:00am until 2:00pm – **except** Wednesday January 10, February 14, and March 13

Taxpayers are encouraged to pay by check, money order, or official check made payable to Montezuma Tax Collector and mail payments to P.O. Box 357, Montezuma NY 13117.

When paying in person with cash please bring the exact amount if possible. If you are unable to make your payment during the scheduled tax collection office hours please call 315-776-8844, ext. 4, during office hours, or 315-776-8583 to schedule an appointment.

Payments made by Bill Payment Checks from a processing center must be physically received on or before the due date shown on the tax bill for full payment, first installment, full payment with 1% penalty or full payment with 2% penalty based on the postmark rule application.

Tax payments sent via privately metered mail are not postmarks and are considered paid upon receipt. Payments not physically received by the due date will be returned.