



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
Fax: (315) 776-9943

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, or as posted on monthly schedule

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.

Temporary Assistance Program

Temporary Assistance is a program for temporary financial help for needy men, women and children. If you are unable to work, can't find a job, or your paycheck does not meet your everyday expenses, TA may be able to help you.

- ❖ **Emergency Assistance:** for households that are facing emergencies through no fault of their own, due to a sudden and unexpected event or loss of income.
- ❖ **TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families):** for households with children.
- ❖ **Safety Net Assistance:** for single people or couples without children (there is a 45-day wait for assistance in this program)
- ❖ **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP):** a one-time benefit program designed to help low-income households pay for their energy costs. This program generally runs from November to March

Are you eligible?

To check potential eligibility, you may go to mybenefits.ny.gov or visit/call the Cayuga County Department of Social Services for further information at 315-253-1011.

Issues with paying town water bills may be addressed by calling the Town offices to assess the need.

Emergency Shelter Disaster Contact

In the event of loss of power or any other natural disasters requiring temporary shelter, arrangements may be made at the Town Hall or Montezuma Fire Department Community Room. Please call to make arrangements:

- ❖ David Corey, Supervisor at 315-730-2768
- ❖ Marie Cronin, Town Clerk at 315-283-0588,
- ❖ Ken Cook, Highway Supt. at 314-224-7759
- ❖ Montezuma Fire Department at 315-776-4353
- ❖ American Red Cross Chapter at 315-252-9596

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 meeting.

Regular Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6 PM

Announcements:

- **The Senior Citizen Exemption Renewal forms** have been mailed. Agricultural and Disability Exemption Renewals will be mailed over the next few months. All Exemption renewals and any new exemptions are due the end of February. The assessor will be updating the pictures for the Town of Montezuma's records. Pictures will be taken of properties with buildings (residences, barns, garages, etc...). *Jeff Lowe, Assessor*
- **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**
 - ✦ Tax Collector Office Hours — Open through April 1st, 2024 — Monday thru Friday, 11:00am until 2:00pm — except 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. —*Donna Burleton, Tax Collector*

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.



What will the verdict be?

The spotlight returns to Gobbler's Knob in western Pennsylvania this week, when handlers of the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil will announce his verdict — six more weeks of winter or an early spring. Let's hope he stands his ground!

<http://townofmontezuma.org>