



# 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: Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Chris Howard, Marvin King

**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)

**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:** Wednesdays @ 6 PM.  
EXCEPT 5th Wednesday **No Court.**

<http://townofmontezuma.org>

## Celebrate Earth Day by Doing Good on the Canalway in 2024!

On **April 20, 1820**, the packet boat *The Montezuma* arrived in Syracuse marking the beginning of navigation on the Erie Canal's 96-mile middle section between Utica and Montezuma. Now over 200 years later an ErieCanal2025 Partnership Coalition has been formed to recognize and commemorate the upcoming 200th Erie Canal Bicentennial. Plans are being made leading up to the 2025 completion at canal-related sites in communities all along our middle section of the canal system. It is an opportunity to recognize the importance of building the Canal between 1817 and 1825 as the longest artificial waterway and the greatest public works project in North America.

Coinciding with this April date, on **Earth Day** several of our local partners are joining the 140 statewide Canal Clean Sweep events with opportunities for thousands of residents to give back to our local communities and to show pride in one of New York's most iconic cultural and recreational resources.

Here in Montezuma, Friends of Montezuma Heritage Park will host a Clean Sweep Event. Signing up to volunteer is easy! Visit the online registration site with an **interactive map** at: <https://www.ptny.org/events/canal-clean-sweep> or call Cheryl Longyear at 315-776-4656; email: [montezumapark@tds.net](mailto:montezumapark@tds.net)

## Announcing New Historical Society Merger

In late February Port Byron Lock 52 and Montezuma historical societies combined into one organization chartered through the NYS Education Department. Now named the Old Mentz Heritage Center, the mission of both groups has been and will continue to be to preserve the history of our region and to help to educate those who wish to learn about it. There has always been a common thread with the towns of Montezuma and Throop being originally formed within the township of Mentz until 1859. The Old Mentz Heritage Center is located at 73 Pine Street in Port Byron where meetings, collections, displays and programs will be held by the newly formed group.

Volunteers from Montezuma's Society will continue to help the Town maintain trails, interpret the historic sites and offer tours. A trust fund has been set up to continue its support. Collections, digital newspapers and online family geneology records are being carefully preserved by volunteers that contributes to the ongoing story of our communities. To join our new membership and/or become a volunteer, please help us continue to preserve our home town history. Visit <https://old-mentz.org>

## 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:

#### 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  
cm115@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, April 16, 2024 at 6 PM**

## Announcements:

### 2024 Property Tax Payments

- Property tax payments beginning **April 2, 2024** must be paid to the Cayuga County Treasurer.
- Second installment payments are due and payable to the Cayuga County Treasurer and must be paid no later than **July 31, 2024**.
- Payment by check or money order should be mailed to Cayuga County Treasurer, 160 Genesee Street, 5th Floor, Auburn NY 13021.
- The County Treasurer's office may be contacted by calling 315-253-1211 regarding any other payment.

### Town Clerk Office Special Hours Notice:

- Donna Burleton, Tax Collector, will answer the phone in the Clerk's office on **April 22 and 23, 2024**, while Marie Cronin and Candis Cook attend a conference in Albany;
- On **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, the office will be **CLOSED** and will reopen on **Thursday, April 25, 2024**, Marie will be available then to handle any business that week.

## Highway Department Reminders:



- It's **Highway Work Season** — Please drive safely in work zones!
- **Thursday, April 18** — Senior/Disabled Persons Clean Up Pickup Service - Limit: two small dump truck loads. Call 315-776-4315 by **Monday, April 15** to arrange pickup.
- **Friday April 19, 6 AM-6 PM and Saturday, April 20, 6 AM-2 PM** —

**Town Clean Up Days.** All trash must be brought to the Town Highway Department (Chapman Road off High Street) for disposal. There will be no door-to-door pick-up. A list of items not accepted are on the town website.

- The town reserves the right to limit amounts. This service is provided for Town of

Montezuma Residents ONLY, and ID'S will be checked again this year.

- **THANK YOU Montezuma Residents** for being patient with the plow drivers, they will be out fixing yards as weather permits.

