



# 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: 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>

**Family Fun Day in the Park**  
TALES OF OLD ERIE  
 Montezuma Heritage Park  
 High Street

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

**STARTING AT NOON**

**BOMBER BRISTOL FOOD TRUCK**

**BOUNCE HOUSE – 1 PM MUSIC BY**

**FLOCK OF FREE RANGE CHILDREN**

**2 PM DAWN JORDAN 'S**

**ERIE CANAL MARIONETTE SHOW**

Sponsored by:

**OLD MENTZ**  
HERITAGE CENTER  
<http://old-mentz.org>

This project is made possible with funds from Auburn Public Theater programs with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State legislature and administered by Auburn Public Theater.

Many know of the beautiful historic murals painted along the Erie Canal in this area by Dawn Jordan. Now Dawn is expanding her artistic talents to premier her newly created Erie Canal Marionette Show to Montezuma to tell the story of building the canal where it first opened between Montezuma and Utica in 1820

This is one of the many major events, ribbon cuttings, special programs, and tours being planned leading up towards the Erie Canal bicentennial in 2025. Legacy projects that contribute to the next century of the canal's preservation, sustainability, and recreational use also will feature prominently.

In commemoration of Montezuma's early Erie Canal heritage, the Old Mentz Heritage Center is sponsoring the premiering of this show at the site of the first launching of the packet boat, *The Montezuma*. **Join in the family fun planned for this special program.**

## 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  
[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 meeting.

- **Port Byron School Budget Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM**
- **Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM**

## Announcements:

### Town Clerk Vacation Office Hours:

- Office will be closed Friday, May 3, 2024
- Deputy Clerk Candis Cook will be covering the Town Clerk's office Monday May 6 - 10, from 11 AM to 2 PM.

### 2024 Property Tax Payments

- Property tax payments must now 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 Water Quality Report Available

- The latest Town Water Quality Report is posted online at: <https://townofmontezuma.org>

### Assessment Review

- Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town Montezuma, County of Cayuga, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk, at the Town Hall where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until **June 6, 2024**.
- The Assessor will be in attendance with the roll, and property owners may review said roll with the Assessor **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at the Town Hall on **May 4th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, May 8th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, May 15th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, May 22nd from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- The Board of Assessment Review will meet on **June 6, 2024**, at the Town Hall between the hours of **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM** to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on written application of any person believing themselves to be aggrieved.