



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed of important town news

TOWN CLERK: Marie Cronin
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315-776-4776
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Hours: **Mon., Tues.** Thurs., Fri.-11 AM - 3:30 PM;
or by appointment

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS Until Further Notice

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS - Supervisor: David
Corey - Office Direct Line: 315-776-4779
Councilman & Deputy Town Supervisor: Thomas
Hitchcock, Jr., Councilmen: Thomas
Fitzsimmons, Chris Howard,
Marvin King

BOARD MEETING - Third Tues. of Month 6 PM

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT - Ken Cook, Deputy
Supt., Chapman Road
Phone & Fax: 315-776-4315
Email: montezumahighway@gmail.com

HOURS: 5 AM–3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs; on duty as
needed for weather conditions

TOWN ASSESSOR - Jeff Lowe Office Direct
Line: 315-776-8781; **Cell:** 315-783-4104; Hours:
Wed. 5:00-8:00 PM or by appointment

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - John E.
Greer; Office Direct Line: 315-776-4777; 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: Direct Line: 315-776-4774; Home
315-776-8583

COURT CLERK - Dawn Bisgrove, Clerk Hours:
Effective 4/1/23-Mon. & Thurs. 3:30-6:30 PM
Court Extra Phone: 315-776-4785

<http://townofmontezuma.org>



Family History Month

Since the dawn of time, family histories have been significant, and it has only increased in recent years. The family histories of individuals tell us who we are, where we originated from, and which notable relatives we may have descended from. Learning the history of our ancestors helps us gain a greater understanding of the challenges we have faced, and it often inspires greater love and compassion for our flaws and mistakes. This compassion can easily translate to our relationships with the living, within our families, and outside them.

Family History Month is celebrated every October. It is a terrific opportunity to enhance your genealogy abilities, learn about new resources, and meet people who share your interests.

Old Mentz Heritage Center (OMHC) is celebrating the month with a display at the Port Byron Library. You can visit the window display at the library which will feature a displayed quilt made by Celestia Kerns estimated to have been made in the 1860s. Celestia and her husband operated a grocery store along the Canal near Lock 52 for fifty years in Port Byron. Their daughter married Jonathan Myers and she lived in Montezuma and Port Byron for several years before moving to Syracuse.



Montezuma
Family Project

Learning and documenting your family history gives you a sense of identity and a better understanding who you. Researching local family histories is made more easy with an extensive database created by Kathy Decker. She has dedicated hours to indexing the Montezuma Family Project database and is currently working on a Mentz Project, now with over 20,000 entries.

Resources for local newspapers and other resources along with the link to this Family Project database are located at: <https://old-mentz.org/researching-port-byron/>

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Water Department

Water Billing Clerk

Heather Tanner

Office Hours:

Mondays 4:45 - 5:30 PM

Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:30 PM

Office Direct Line: 315-776-4773

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:

Highway Suptintendent: Ken Cook

315-776-4315 (garage); Cell: 315-224-7759

Deputy: David Ware

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

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

Email: 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, October 15, 2024 at 6 PM
- 2025 Budget Workshops: **Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 2024 6 PM**
- Public Hearing: **Thursday, October 3, 2024, 5:30 PM** on "A Local Law Providing for the Control of Excessive, Unnecessary Unreasonable Noise"

Announcements:

- **Town Clerk Notice:** Change of Hours: Monday, Tuesdays, Thursday, Friday - 11 AM to 3:30 PM or by appointment; CLOSED Wednesdays until further notice.

*Happy
Halloween*



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The OMHC believes that the preservation and accessibility of our collective history is a shared responsibility, and its role is to provide free and open access to the past leading to a more connected future for our local residents. The website has many online helpful hints on aid finding aids and using digital resources. Advantage Archives has been used to focus on the preservation and digital accessibility of historical collections and documents so that our community's history is available for current and future generations. They may be found at: <https://old-mentz.org/digital-resources-2/>

Cayuga County launches SaferWatch

Cayuga County has announced the introduction of the SaferWatch app, a powerful tool designed to enhance communication and safety within our community. The app will serve as a direct line of information between the County, the Sheriff's Office, and residents.



With the current closure of our County office building, the SaferWatch app will be essential in keeping you informed about important updates and events. Through this app, prompt notifications may be sent about emergencies, public safety concerns, and other significant information that impacts our community. Information to download the app is at: <https://apps.saferwatchapp.com/>