



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed

JANUARY 2025

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

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Tiffini Sharp
Hours: Wed. 9 AM -12 PM; Closed Jan 29, 2025

8102 Dock St, Montezuma, NY 13117
Phone: (315) 776-8844. Ext. 1,
or Dial Direct: 315-776-4776
Email: montezumaclerk@tds.net
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TOWN BOARD MEMBERS - Supervisor:
David Corey - Office : 315-776-4779
Deputy Supervisor: Thomas Hitchcock, Jr.,
Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Chris
Howard, Marvin King

BOARD MEETING - Third Tues. - 6 PM

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Ken Cook, Superintendent
David Ware, Deputy Superintendent
Chapman Road; Phone & Fax: 315-776-4315;
Email: montezumahighway@gmail.com
HOURS: 5 AM-3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs

TOWN ASSESSOR - Jeff Lowe; Office: 315-776-8781; Cell: 315-783-4104; Hours: Wed. 5-8 PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - John E. Greer; Office: 315-776-4777; Cell 315-730-2408. Hours: Tues., 4-6 PM

HISTORIAN- Cheryl Longyear; 315-776-4656; by appointment

PLANNING BOARD- Leah Corey, Clerk 2ND Tues. - 7 PM, or as posted

TAX COLLECTOR - Donna Burleton; Phone: Office: Direct Line: 315-776-4774; Home 315-776-8583

TOWN COURT - CLERK - Dawn Bisgrove
Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 3:30-6:30 PM Court Extra
Phone: 315-776-4785; COURT HOURS: Wed @ 6 PM. EXCEPT the 5th Wed - No Court. Judges: Honorable Cary Eldridge and Patricia Verdi



Welcome to 2025..... a year that marks two important historic commemorations for Montezuma!



On May 18, 2025 a program will be held to honor one of the earliest built churches in Cayuga County. The Bicentennial program will be held at the Historic Mentz Church, now a National Register landmark owned by Montezuma, Early settlers built the humble church with their own milled timbers on a foundation of local field and quarried stones. Services began in May 1825, followed by its incorporation as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Mentz

The Erie Canal Bicentennial presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the canal that transformed America and to commemorate its influence on New York and the nation.

This will be a year full of incredible celebrations, thought-provoking presentations you won't want to miss. Locally, the historic play: *Clinton's Ditch: The Story of Building the Erie Canal* will be returning on the last two weekends in June at the Samuel Center in Port Byron.

Information posted at: <http://old-mentz.org/events>



" In a world where so much is uncertain, we must find ways to engage in positive undertakings that make a difference, where we live — and in the places we love."

Former Senator Geoge Mitchell, Groundswell

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.

- 2025 Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025; 6 PM
- Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, January, 20 2025; 6 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Tax Collection Schedule:

January 1st through March 31st, 2025
Monday thru Friday, 11 AM until 2 PM – **except** Wednesday
January 8th, February 12th, and March 12th.

Taxpayers are encouraged to pay by check, money order, or official check made payable and mail to:

**Montezuma Tax Collector
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. 4774, 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.**

Dog Control & Shelter Agreement

The Town has appointed Suzie Tracy, Canine Cove (315) 224-3110,, to assist with the control of dogs.pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the NYS Ag & Market Law. A copy of the Agreement may be found on the Town website.

Water Department

Questions: Call 315-776-8844

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

Water Committee

Chair, Councilman, *Tom Fitzsimmons* - 315-776-5222 (home)

Community Connections Newsletter

Editor: Cheryl Longyear
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**Let us know if you have
a community event to
promote.**

**It can be placed in this
newsletter, on
Facebook and the Town
website.**

WEBSITE

<http://townofmontezuma.org>



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