



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed

MAY 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

**WATER CLERK -** Tiffini Sharp  
Hours: Wednesdays, 4-6 PM; (See  
Announcements for change in hours)

8102 Dock St, Montezuma, NY 13117  
Phone: (315) 776-8844. Ext. 1,  
or Dial Direct: 315-776-4776  
Email: montezumaclerk@tds.net  
Fax: (315) 776-9943

**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

## HISTORIC MENTZ CHURCH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



2025 marks an important time in local and New York State's history and we look forward to commemorating several important events. May is National Preservation Month and the Town of Montezuma is sponsoring in partnership with Old Mentz Heritage Center a program on **Sunday, May 18th at 2 PM**, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the building and establishment of Historic Mentz Church. The program being held at the corner of McDonald and Mentz Church Roads in

Montezuma. The program is being funded in part by an event grant from Cayuga County Tourism.

Speakers for the program include Craig Williams, from the Canal Society of New York State and retired from the New York State Museum speaking on the importance of historic building preservation; Gary Bell from Michigan will share his experience tracing his family roots, the early settlers at Mentz Corners who helped build the church; and Michael Miller, Historian and Senior Deacon of the Auburn Masonic Lodge #124 who will speak on the Masons and the 1825 grand welcome given to the famous American Revolutionary War hero, Marquis de Lafayette from France.

The public is invited to attend at no charge and refreshments will be served following the program on the church lawn.



# 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 Monthly Town Board Meeting has been rescheduled to: **Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6 PM**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Port Byron School Board Visit**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2025, AT 6 PM**



MEMBERS OF THE PBSC SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE AT THE TOWN HALL TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUDGET.

**ASSESSMENT NOTICE AND REVIEW SCHEDULE:** A COPY OF THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR HAS BEEN FILED AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WHERE IT MAY BE SEEN AND EXAMINED UNTIL **JUNE 5, 2025**.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAY REVIEW THE ROLL WITH THE ASSESSOR BY **APPOINTMENT ONLY**, AT THE TOWN HALL ON **MAY 7, 4 PM TO 8 PM; MAY 14, 4 PM TO 8 PM; MAY 17, 8 AM TO 12 PM; MAY 21, 4 PM TO 8 PM**.

THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON **JUNE 5, 2025, AT THE TOWN HALL, FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM** TO HEAR AND EXAMINE ALL COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO ASSESSMENTS, ON WRITTEN APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON BELIEVING THEMSELVES TO BE AGGRIEVED. (OFFICIAL COPY IS ON THE WEBSITE BY JEFF LOWE, ASSESSOR - MAY 1, 2025)

**Headstone Cleaning at Historic Mentz Church Cemetery, Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 9 AM**

LOCATED at the corner of Mentz Church and McDonald Roads, Montezuma. Come learn the best products and safe tips for cleaning headstones from Mike Riley. Sponsored by Old Mentz Heritage Center.  
<http://old-mentz.org/events>

**PLEASE NOTE FOR WATER DISTRICT RESIDENTS:** Water Clerk Hours will be on Tuesday, May 6th, 4-6 pm. There will be no Wednesday hours on May 7th. Payments can be left in the drop box or mailed to PO Box 357 Montezuma, NY 13117. **NEW** policies and the **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report** for 2024 was filed on April 15, 2025, and a copy is available on the town website.

## WATER DEPARTMENT



**WATER CLERK - Tiffini Sharp**  
**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)

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### 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>



<https://www.facebook.com/MontezumaNY>