



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed

JANUARY 2026

TOWN CLERK/DEPUTY WATER 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: Wed. 4-6 PM

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

Councilmen: Thomas Fitzsimmons, Chris

Howard, Marvin King, Thomas Coleman

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: Tues & Thurs 4:30-6:30 PM; Wed 4:30-

7:30.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



EMERGENCY HEAP BENEFIT



The 2025-2026 Emergency HEAP benefit is scheduled to open January 2, 2026. If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat-related emergency. Emergency HEAP

benefits and eligibility are based on: income, available resources, and the type of emergency.

Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Benefit

The 2025-2026 Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit opened December 11, 2025.

If you are a homeowner and eligible, the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit can help you repair or replace your furnace, boiler, and other direct heating equipment necessary to keep your home's primary heating source working.

You must own and reside in your home and must be 60 years of age or older at the time of application.

Contact: Cayuga County Department of Social Services at 315-255-4904; or Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Programs (CAP) at 315-255-1703.

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 the time given at the end of the meeting.

2026 Special Town Board Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 PM

Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tues., Jan. 20, 6 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MONTEZUMA YOUTH PROGRAM WINTER EVENTS:

- **Fri. Jan. 2, 5 PM** - Youth Committee Meeting at Port Byron Library
- **Mon. Feb. 16, 3:30-5:30 PM** - Free Family Ice Skating at Casey Park, Auburn
- **Fri. Feb. 20, 9 AM** - Rochester Science Museum Planetarium
- **Sat. Feb 21, 5 PM** - Discounted Crunch Tickets



Information and sign up on Facebook at Montezuma Youth Programs
Email: montezumayouthprograms@gmail.com

2026 TAX COLLECTOR NOTICE

Jan. 1st through Mar. 31st, 2026
Mon.-Fri. 11:00 am until 2:00 pm
Except: Wed. Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, and Mar. 11th

Taxpayers are encouraged to pay by check, money order, or official check made payable to Montezuma Tax Collector and mail payments to P.O. Box 357, Montezuma, NY 13117-0357.

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 postmarked and are considered paid upon receipt. Payments not physically received by the due date will be returned.



REMINDER
WATER BILLS ARE DUE
JANUARY 31, 2026

WATER DEPARTMENT



Water Clerk - Tiffini Sharp
Call 315-776-8844

Payments:

Please make payments online, by 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. Bill are due 30 days from billing date. 10% penalty added to bill after 30 days. Water bills not paid after 45 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); 315-224-7759 (cell)

Water Committee Chairman

Councilman Tom Fitzsimmons-315-776-5222

**Let us know if you have a
community event to promote.**

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

Payments may now be made online
for Town Clerk services and quarterly
water bill payments

WEBSITE

<http://townofmontezuma.org>



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