



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

...keeping residents informed

FEBRUARY 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

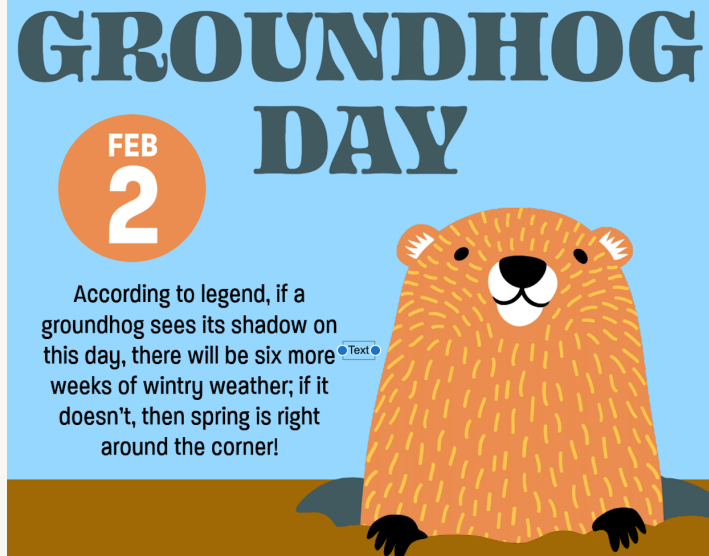
Hours: Tues & Thurs 4:30-6:30 PM; Wed 4:30-

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



WILL HE, OR WON'T HE?

If you've been around long enough, you might call this an old-fashioned winter with plenty of snow and cold weather. Hopefully, the groundhog knows something we don't, and can bring us some good news!

Remember If you are eligible, an Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home this winter. Heating equipment repair and replacement benefits are also available

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

DRIP, DRIP, DRIP

Leaks from pipes, plumbing fixtures, and fittings are a significant source of water waste for many households. Some leaks are obvious, such as dripping faucets and leaking water heaters. Unfortunately, many leaks go undetected for years because the source of the leak is not visible. Follow the guidelines here to avoid costly water bills at [Home Water Works](#)



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.

Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tues., February 17 at 6 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MONTEZUMA YOUTH PROGRAM WINTER EVENTS:

- **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
- **Fri Nights, Starting Feb 27** - Swim lessons at YMCA; \$7 per child ages 4+

Information and signup on Facebook at Montezuma Youth Programs. Stay tuned for April Spring Break and Summer Plans
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.

*** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE ***

The deadline to apply for property tax exemptions or to renew property tax exemptions is **March 1, 2026**.

Jeff Lowe, Town Assessor
315-776-8781; Extension: 8781
OFFICE HOURS: WEDNESDAYS 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

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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