



# Village of Chenequa

## NEWS

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### VILLAGE NEWS

#### Spring Election

The Spring Election is set for April 5, 2011. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and voting will take place at the Chenequa Village Hall. If you need to vote by absentee ballot, you may do so in person at the Village Hall during regular office hours. If you will be unable to vote at the Village Hall, please contact the Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot application.

**REMINDER** - - Political signs are not permitted on public property, right-of ways or within one hundred feet (100) from a polling place entrance. Political signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size and shall be limited to the "election campaign period" as defined in Wisconsin Statutes (2001-02) Section 12.04 and any amendments thereto.

The following are running for office in the Village of Chenequa:

President – Robert T. Foote Jr.

Trustee – Bronson J. Haase

Trustee – JoAnn Friend Villavicencio

Trustee – Dwyn VonBeregghy

#### Board of Review

According to Wisconsin State Statutes, the Board of Review's initial meeting must take place sometime between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of May and the 30 day period that follows. Please watch our website for notice of that date once it has been set. On our website, [www.chenequa.org](http://www.chenequa.org), we will also have additional information on what is needed to appear before the Board of Review.

#### New Street and Address Signs

The Village of Chenequa is moving forward with new address and street signs throughout the Village. The new street and address signs will benefit Public Safety responses as the address and street signs will be reflective and easier to identify while responding to emergency calls for service. The Village will have the sign contractor place and install all new signage as outlined in the Village Ordinance. We will have Village staff on hand during these installs to ensure proper placement. The installation is expected to take place in late spring of this year.

The Village of Chenequa is served by the Lake Country Fire Rescue Department which is comprised of firefighters and paramedics primarily responding from the City of Delafield area. These public safety professionals are not necessarily from the area as the profession has progressed from a local volunteer group to a highly trained emergency medical staff which is comprised of personnel which may be from areas outside our local area.



**Village Website** - [www.chenequa.org](http://www.chenequa.org)

Featured in this newsletter are the tabs **Government** and **Departments** from the Village of Chenequa website. Under the Village **Government** section, you will find information related to the:



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Organization Chart	Visual of the Chenequa's government structure
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The Village **Departments** section includes a wide range of information, including links to departments not physically located in the Village, but available to residents via the larger community:

Administration	Links to the Assessor, Building Inspector, Clerk/Treasurer, Health, Highway & Forestry, LCFR, Libraries, Municipal Court, Police Department, Power Outage and Recycling, Refuse & Hazardous Waste
Assessor	Assessor's role and contact information
Building Inspector	Position description, contact information and fee schedule
Clerk / Treasurer	Position description, contact information and FAQs section
Health	Waukesha County Health & Human Services – description, facilities and mission statement
Highway & Forestry	Description, contact information, FAQs section, news information and topics on Land Conservation, Water Conservation (Lakes), Wildlife Preservation, Snowplowing & Sanding
Lake Country Fire and Rescue	Contact information and link to <a href="http://www.lakecountryfire.com">www.lakecountryfire.com</a>
Libraries	Town Hall Library and Hartland Public Library
Municipal Court	Contact information, disputing a citation, paying fees online and WI Circuit Court Database
Police Department	History, mission statement and additional links to resources, water safety, eservices and contact information
Power Outage	What to do in case of a power outage and contact information for WE Energies
Recycling, Refuse and Household Hazardous Waste	Resourceful information on recycle bins, refuse/recycle pick up, HHW, burn permits, drug collection and FAQs about drug disposal

Our summer newsletter will highlight information on the **Lakes** and **News** tabs of our website.

## **Chenequa celebrates International Migratory Bird Day May 9 and May 14**

The Village Board passed a resolution to recognize *International Migratory Bird Day*. Resolving to recognize IMBD, moves Chenequa closer towards its larger goals of preservation of the great outdoors and its inhabitants. IMBD celebrates and brings attention to one of the most important and spectacular events in the Americas – bird migration.

The Village Board has designated the second Saturday in May as IMBD. We will have an educational celebration at our May 9th board meeting. We would like to establish an annual “**Chenequa Birdwalk**” led by an experienced local birder. Please email Jo Ann Villavicencio [jfvillavicencio@chenequa.org](mailto:jfvillavicencio@chenequa.org) if you are interested in volunteering to lead or participate in such an event.

The Village of Chenequa, WI was recognized by the Bird City Wisconsin project as one of 15 communities in the state that have made a commitment to making themselves better places for birds and other wildlife. The Bird City Wisconsin partnership is affiliated with the national Audubon, the Milwaukee Audubon Society, and several other Wisconsin environmental and conservation organizations.

The Bird City designation is in its inaugural year, and is modeled on the “Tree City USA” program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bird City Wisconsin developed 22 criteria across five categories, including habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting hazards, public education, and recognizing International Migratory Bird Day. By amply meeting the established criteria, Chenequa became one of the nation’s first “Bird City” designees.

Please join the Board on May 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our new Bird City Wisconsin designation.

## **Update on Emerald Ash Borer**

Although we still have not found the Emerald Ash Borer in the Village, we still need to keep an eye out for this invasive pest that has killed countless ash trees in other parts of the country including several areas in Wisconsin. The closest *known* infestations are in West Bend and Oak Creek.

Adult Emerald Ash Borer



Waukesha County is one of eleven counties in Wisconsin which are quarantined and have restricted the movement of ash and other hardwoods. The Emerald Ash Borer as well as other pests such as Oak Wilt, Dutch Elm Disease and Gypsy Moth has been spread into new areas hitchhiking on firewood.

What can you do?

- Minimize the movement of wood or wood chips. Only wood treated and permitted by the Department of Trade and Consumer Protection may leave the quarantined counties.
- Purchase firewood from reliable sources. It is best to buy dry wood with loose or better yet no bark.

If you have any questions concerning ash tree management or other insect or disease problems, call Jeff Kante – Village Forester, @ 367-2239.

### **Bow Fishing**

Bow fishing is a new sport that has been gaining in popularity in recent years. Bow fishermen take rough fish by bow and arrow which is tethered for retrieval of the fish and the arrow. This sport is good for the lakes as it removes rough fish from the lakes which are harmful to other desirable fish habitat and their spawning areas. These larger rough fish have no predators so it is good to reduce the numbers where and when you can.

Where we have had problems with bow fishing in the past is that they use bright lights at night to locate the fish and also use a generator to power those lights. Both of these tools of the sport have caused complaints for noise and light disturbance at times. The Chenequa Police Department and the local DNR officials ask for your cooperation with these bow fishermen as they are doing a positive service to the lakes by removing the rough fish. However, should you find the activity offensive in that the generator is too loud, the bow fisherman are being too loud or the lights are creating a disturbance, we ask that you call the Chenequa Police Department when it is going on at 262-367-2600 (24/7). The officer on duty will already have the license plate numbers of all boaters on the water and he will attempt to make contact with the fisherman on the water. Based on that officer's observations and discretion, action will be taken in some form. We ask that you as the residents do not engage the fisherman as this may only create a further disturbance and future problems. Please allow the police to address the situation. For the most part, these sport fishermen are good citizens and have no intention of creating problems for anyone. We thank you for your cooperation as this season gets underway in spring through early summer.

### **Shoreline Zoning Regulations**

A reminder to all lake residents: The Village of Chenequa has a strong desire to maintain the shoreline as natural as possible. The Village Codes are very stringent on what changes can be made to the shoreline as well as what can be placed within the 75' setback from the shoreline. This serves as a reminder to review the Village Code before beginning any work within the 75' setback of the lakeshore, including the cutting of trees and vegetation and to seek approval from the Village prior to any work being implemented. The Village will enforce the code in its entirety and will take violations seriously. Please work with the Village and follow proper procedures when it comes to proposed projects in the setback areas. Any remodel or repair to your property most likely requires a permit. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### **Weight Restriction on Roads**

As the snow and ice melt, the soil will be saturated with water. This is the time of year when the roads (public and private) become vulnerable to damage from heavy loads. Many public roads will be posted with weight restrictions (10 tons) during this period limiting heavy truck traffic. Residents may want to consider restricting heavy loads from trucks from the private drives and planning ahead for the delivery of building supplies, fuel oil and septic tank service.

### **Driveway Clearance**

The trees and shrubs along private drives are continuing to be a major problem to our snowplow operations and emergency vehicle access. Fire trucks and ambulances are having difficulty in accessing many drives without hitting tree limbs and brush. These vehicles need to have the clearances necessary for safe and damage free access. Please review your own drives and discuss this issue with your shared driveway neighbors and road associations to see that this matter is addressed.

### **Weekend Advertiser Newspaper**

If you no longer want the weekend advertiser newspaper that often ends up in the ditch or driveway, go to the Journal Sentinel's website and unsubscribe.

<https://www.subscriber-service.com/mjs/NonSubZipCheck.asp>



## RESIDENTIAL CARBON MONOXIDE LAW FOR WISCONSIN

### CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS ARE NOW REQUIRED IN EVERY HOME ON EVERY LEVEL NEAR SLEEPING AREAS

Wisconsin's new carbon monoxide (CO) law will help ensure safe homes with the presence of CO alarms. But FIRE and CARBON MONOXIDE PREVENTION starts with education about this new law.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All single family and two-unit homes – new and existing – must install a CO alarm on every floor level, near sleeping areas.
- New construction must be hard-wired with a battery back-up.
- Existing homes may install any type of CO alarms; battery, plug-in, or combination smoke/CO devices.
- A carbon monoxide detector required under this section shall bear an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., listing mark.
- The law takes effect February 1, 2011.
- Alarms should be installed in accordance with directions from manufacturer.

#### EXCEPTIONS

- CO alarms are only required in new and existing homes that have any fuel burning appliance, which includes: stoves, ovens, grills, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces and heaters OR an attached garage.
- Alarms do not need to be installed in the attic, garage or storage area of homes.

#### MAINTENANCE

- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms according to manufacturer instructions.
- Check batteries and replace twice a year.
- Alarms should never be disconnected or unplugged.
- Batteries should never be removed for other uses.

If there are any more questions about this you can contact Lake Country Fire and Rescue at (262) 646-6235.

#### **Help us Help You!**

Long, narrow, private roads in the Village of Chenequa present some unique challenges to the fire department in terms of supplying water when there is a fire. One of the problems is knowing distances from the water source to your home. Fire hoses are 500' long and knowing where to drop a hose from a starting point to an end point is difficult to access when responding to a call for fire service. To help alleviate this problem the Lake Country Fire Department (LCFD) is in the process of implementing a fire hose drop point identification system. This system will use identification placards to let fire department personnel know how far they are from the water source and the needed call for service location. The proposed placards are 6" black diamond's with white numbers and are designed to blend in with the new address signs that will be put up by the Village in the future. In the upcoming months a representative from the fire department will be contacting each road association with more details. In the meantime, if you would like more information on the placards please contact Station 1 at 262-646-6235.





# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Boating Safety Classes

The Chenequa Police Department's Water Safety Patrol will again conduct the Department of Natural Resources certified boating safety class from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. The class is open to children 11 years of age or older. Cost is \$15 per student and the class size is limited to 20 students. For reservations and/or additional information, call the Chenequa Police Department at 367-2145. Pursuant to Wisconsin law, **ALL INDIVIDUALS BORN AFTER 01-01-89 MUST** take a DNR Certified Boating Safety Class prior to operating a boat.

## Boating Reminders

- ✦ Personal Floatation Device (PFD Wear your PFD. If you boat on federal waterways, children 13 years of age and younger **MUST** wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD. Boats over 16ft in length must have a throwable PFD on board. All boats must have one PFD per person on board.
- ✦ Boats with built-in fuel tanks must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- ✦ Personal watercraft must operate a slow-no-wake when within 200ft of the shore.
- ✦ Make sure boat registration is current and certificate of number is carried on board.
- ✦ Registration decals should reflect a 2012 decal on your boat.

Village Hall	367-2239
Fax	367-3341
Fire & Police	9 -1 -1
Emergency	
Non-Emergency	
during office hours only	367-2145
After hours	
Weekends and Holidays	367-2600
Office Hours	
Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

