

June 2007

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Fireworks

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just a few days away. The Village staff wishes all an enjoyable and safe holiday. Fireworks are planned for 9:30 PM on July 4<sup>th</sup> on Pine, Beaver and North Lakes.

### Refuse Collection Reminder

Just a reminder when there is a legal holiday during the week, regular Friday garbage collection will occur on Saturday. Weeks this summer to note a change in pickup are the weeks of July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day.

Remember, state and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle. Call your local recycling office for more information or visit [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/publications/recycle/LawBrochure.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/publications/recycle/LawBrochure.pdf) to learn about recycling requirements for newspaper, magazines, cardboard, food and beverage containers, tires, yard waste, appliances, motor oil, lead acid batteries and paper from offices.

### Oak Wilt

This fatal disease of oaks has been found in several areas of the Village. Early detection can save you the loss of many oaks and altering the composition of the forest. The disease is caused by a fungus and spread by a small beetle and more commonly by root grafts with nearby oaks. Death of the oak trees can come within weeks and failure to act quickly can cause a spreading pocket of dead oak trees on your property and spread to your neighbor's property. Minimal treatment methods involve the use of a trenching machine to isolate diseased from healthy trees, then removal of the wood. Another option involves the injection of chemicals into the tree, which can be successful if caught early enough.

Currently, several property owners in the Village have this problem. Jeff Kante is working with them to work on an abatement program and an action plan to try to stop the disease from spreading. The Village will be conducting a general air and ground survey of oak trees within the next month to identify those oaks that have been infected. Should you notice an oak tree that is losing its leaves or a tree with wilted leaves, please call Jeff for his review and recommendations. For more information of these or other tree related question call Jeff Kante – Village Forester @ 262-367-2239.

### 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. Every year we continue to get property

owners who neglect to abide by the Village Code and are then brought to task for their offenses. Please work with the Village and follow proper procedures when it comes to proposed projects in the setback areas. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### Building Permits

As we enter the summer months, many property owners begin to do alterations and maintenance to their properties, and plan building projects. Please remember that these projects will most likely require a permit from the Building Inspector's Office. The Building Inspectors office can further provide handouts and information that can address most of your questions regarding your planned projects. The Building Inspector's Office is your agent to promote health and safety in building construction projects. Per Village Ordinance and State building codes, permits are required for plumbing, electrical, furnaces etc. Please see that your contractor obtains the proper permits prior to beginning work. Office hours for the Building Inspector are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3-4 PM.

### Village Property for Sale

The Village intends to sell the real property it owns at the northwest corner of west CTH K and Wildwood Point Road. The property consists of 14.68 acres, which includes buildable portions, wooded areas, conservancy wetlands and a rolling grade.

The Village is seeking \$900,000 for the entire property but will consider offers for approximately one-half the property because it could be divided into two buildable lots. Additional information regarding the property and the terms that the Village will require for any offer are available at the Village Hall and on the Village web-site at [www.chenequa.org](http://www.chenequa.org).

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to view the property, please contact:  
Robert Douglas, Village Administrator  
Phone: 262-367-2239      E-mail: [chief@chenequa.org](mailto:chief@chenequa.org)

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### Boater Safety Tips

The Chenequa Police Department's Water Safety Patrol will again be patrolling Pine, Beaver and North Lakes this summer. Following is a list of commonly observed violations that are subject to forfeiture:

- Boats over 16 feet in length must have a throwable personal floatation device (PFD) on board.
- All boats must have 1 personal floatation device (PFD) per person on board.
- Boats with built in fuel tanks must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- Personal Water Craft (PWC) must operate a slow-no-wake when within 200 feet of the shore.
- Make sure boat registration is current and certificate of number is carried on board.

### Found Property

A 12 foot white sailboard was found on the west shore of Pine Lake in early June and turned over to the Chenequa Police Department. If you have any information regarding this lost item please contact the Chenequa Police Department at 367-2145.

### Truck Enforcement Effort

Officers will continue with their truck enforcement efforts this year. Two officers with additional training have been assigned to monitor large truck traffic. If you see an officer stopped with a large commercial truck, it may be for a safety inspection or a violation of a traffic law. Officers have identified oversized semi trucks with trailers using STH 83 outside of their designated route. The drivers and companies involved are now aware that officers are monitoring their operation.

### Resident Emergency Contact information

If you have changed alarm companies, key holders or their contact information has changed, please inform the police department of these changes so we update our emergency contact list for your property. Cell phone numbers are also helpful of you the property owner so we can contact you in the event of an emergency or concern. Please call the police department during business hours with these changes or e-mail that information to Police Clerk Lynn Grosch @ [lynng@chenequa.org](mailto:lynng@chenequa.org)

## **HIGHWAY/FORESTRY NEWS**

### 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.

Vertical Distance – To allow passage of vehicles such as fire equipment, delivery vans, and snow plows, clear brush, tree limbs, or other obstructions to a height of ten (10) feet from the edge of the drive. The weight of rain and snow will cause branches, especially conifers to hang down, so trim accordingly.

Side Clearance – Brush, stumps, and rocks should be removed two (2) feet from the edge of the drive. Occasional tree trunks are not hazards provided there is ample room to maneuver on the opposite side of the drive. Brush stumps should be cut as close to the ground as possible to allow future mowing and prevent damage to tires. It is recommended to apply a brush killer to Buckthorn because of its suckering habit.

## **LAKE COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Lake Country Fire Department (LCFD) provides the Villages of Chenequa and Nashotah with fire and first response emergency medical services. LCFD operates out of two stations, one located in each Village. The department is made up of paid on call men and women, both residents and employees from both Villages. LCFD is currently accepting applications for fire and/or EMS positions. No experience is necessary and full training is provided at no cost to the applicant. For more information or to obtain an application, please call Fire Station #1 at 367-9664. The LCFD is a community service at a whole different level!