

November 2010

VILLAGE NEWS

Village President and Trustees Election

The Village President position and three Trustee seats on the Village Board have terms that will expire in April of 2011. The current Village President is Robert Foote Jr. and the three trustee incumbents are Jo Ann Villavicencio, Andrew Gehl and Bronson Haase. Village residents interested in taking out nomination papers may do so beginning December 1, 2010. Forms may be picked up at the Clerk's Office.

Village Board Approves Zero Increase Tax Levy

The Village Board has approved and adopted the 2011 Village Budget. The Village Board set the tax levy at \$ 1,677,805.11, which is a **ZERO** increase over last year. The resulting tax rate is \$3.40 per thousand of assessed value.

Historical Adopted Village Tax Rates & Percentages Based on Assessed Values										
Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Tax rate	5.04	5.22	5.22	5.25	5.31	5.42	5.56	5.67	3.24	3.40
Levy Increase		3.05%	0%	.57%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2 %	0%

Election News

The General election for the State of Wisconsin was held on Tuesday, November 2nd. The Village of Chenequa had a voter turnout rate of 80%. A total of 325 electors voted, with 58 of those being absentee ballots. We would like to extend a *sincere thank you* to all who helped by working at the polls. We are always looking for poll workers, and Chief Election Inspectors. To become a poll worker there is "on the job training"; and to become a Chief Election worker there are 6 hours of required training. The current poll workers say they enjoy the experience because they get to meet so many of their neighbors. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions!

Tax Collection

All documentation necessary for the processing of property tax bills will be received soon and the bills will then be in the printing process. It is anticipated that the tax bills will be mailed in early December.

Tax payments may be made at the Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The Village Hall will not be open Friday, December 31st.**

Tax payments can be mailed to the Village Hall or dropped in the drop box located to the right of the Village Hall main entrance. After processing payments, receipts will be mailed to you. Payments postmarked on or before December 31, 2010, will be receipted as a 2010 payment. Any payments found in the drop box at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 3rd will also be receipted as 2010 payment.

Holiday Office Hours

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also be closed Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st. If you need to contact someone regarding a non-emergency issue, please call 367-2600 and our dispatch center will have an officer make contact with you.

Dog Licenses

Soon it will be time to renew dog licenses for 2011. **Please remember that you must submit a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate along with your application.** We cannot issue a dog license until we have a copy of the rabies certificate in our office. A copy of the Application for Dog License is enclosed or one can be obtained at our website: www.chenequa.org/licenses.html.

Village Board Declares Second Saturday of May International Migratory Bird Day

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 the one of the most important and spectacular events in the Americas – bird migration. Public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation. Citizens who are enthusiastic about birds, informed about threats, and empowered to become involved in addressing those threats, can make a tremendous contribution to maintaining healthy bird populations. By modeling what can be done and involving people, their interest and involvement in stewardship can grow. One of the most successful vehicles for public education on migratory birds is International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD).

The Village Board has designated the second Saturday in May as IMBD. We will have an educational celebration at our May 9th board meeting as well as our very first bird walk on May 21st. Please mark your calendars and please plan on attending.

Visit the Village of Chenequa website, www.chenequa.org for more information and links.

Village Website - www.chenequa.org

Each newsletter we will try and highlight some features you can find and use at our website. Our home page contains recent news articles and alerts for the Village. The Lake Webcam provides current visual pictures (with images updated every minute) and weather conditions as well as detailed weather data. Two sections are highlighted on our home page, the Chenequa Foundation and the History of the Village of Chenequa. The left column of our home page contains important phone numbers and hours of operation. For additional information on the Village, you can select a tab on the upper bar and use the pull down list; or by going to the lower bar of our home page, you can quickly select a topic of interest.

The **About** Tab: Not only will you find information on the Chenequa Foundation and the History of the Village of Chenequa, but you will also find information on:

- Newsletters - current and archived
- Village Board and Planning Commission meeting information, agendas and minutes going back to 2003
- Frequently Asked Questions for the Clerk/Treasurer, Assessor, Inspection Department and Highway/Forestry
- Village property for sale

Our spring newsletter will highlight information on the **Government** and **Departments** Tabs.



HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

Winter Roadway Procedures and Reminders

The 2011 Snowplowing / Sanding Agreement and Release of Liability form is enclosed. If you wish to have the Village maintain your roadway/driveway in accordance with the Winter Roadway Maintenance Policy, your signed agreement must be returned to the Village Hall along with **\$100** by December 30, 2010. **Failure to do so will remove your address from the plowing list effective January 1, 2011.** For snow plowing updates, call our information line at 367-4681 ext #320. A message will be left on this line stating when plows will be out. Please review and sign the snow plowing policy outline on the enclosed Snow Plowing / Sanding Agreement and Release of Liability 2011 form.

*** Note, we ask that you be sure to place your driveway markers on your drives as we cannot plow your drive without them in place. In order to prevent damage to plow trucks and your landscape, it is critical that these markers be in place for this service. Additionally, please check your drives for fallen tree branches from the high winds we had a few weeks ago. Once these branches become hidden under the snow, they can cause substantial damage to the plow trucks if they catch them with the plow.

Clean Water

Normal “stuff” such as grass clippings, oil, pet waste etc. washes off our home and yards and goes to the nearest lake, river or stream carrying with it a variety of pollutants. Learn more about these 10 easy steps for clean water by visiting www.waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater and start taking steps for clean water today.

1. Wash your car on the lawn or the car wash – not in the driveway
2. Properly dispose of household hazardous waste such as oil base paints.
3. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
4. Pick up and dispose of pet waste.
5. Reduce fertilizer and chemical use.
6. Use environmentally friendly lawn care practices to handle yard waste.
7. Conserve water.
8. If you water your lawn, be sure to water it properly.
9. Plant a rain garden.
10. Install rain barrels.

E-Cycle Wisconsin

TVs, computers, printers and accessories; VCR, CD, DVD players, fax machines and cell phones are banned from disposal in Wisconsin landfills. Manufacturers and retailers are now required to take back electronics for recycling. Visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling and click on “Electronics” for a listing of recyclable devices and locations.

Holiday Waste Collection

Please make a note of the following garbage collection dates for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Pick up for those weeks will be as follows:

Saturday, November 27th ♦ Friday, December 24th ♦ Friday, December 31st



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Vacation House Watch

If you are leaving town for more than a couple of days and would like the Police Department to make a periodic check of your home, please call the Village Hall or Police Department and let us know when you will be away. If you return early, please call us so you are not surprised by a visit from an officer. A House Check Report form can be completed online at our website (<http://www.chenequa.org/Requests.html>) and can either be dropped off at the Police Department or emailed back to us at policeclerk@chenequa.org.

New DMV Customer Service Center

The Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Waukesha customer service center closed its doors and opened a new center in Pewaukee. The new facility is located at 2019 Golf Road. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.