



Village of Chenequa

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VILLAGE NEWS

Administrator / Police Chief

On February 6th Administrator/Chief Robert Douglas retired. The Chenequa Board of Trustees and President thanked Chief Douglas for his 20 years of service to our community. The Chief was appointed in January of 2000. Bob served our community well by handling administrative matters and overseeing the security concerns of our Village.

The Chenequa Board has created a Village Administrator/Police Chief search subcommittee and appointed Trustees Bronson Haase, Carol Manegold and Jo Ann F. Villavicencio. During this interim period, all questions regarding administrative matters should be directed to President Robert Foote, or in his absence Trustee Jo Ann F. Villavicencio. Police matters and concerns may be directed to Captain David Reid.

Spring Election

The Spring Election is set for April 3, 2012. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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. Absentee voting in the clerk's office is now restricted to the two weeks before an election. Absentee voting by mail now ends the Friday before the election. The new law prohibits absentee voting and voter registration the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before the election. Beginning in 2012, absentee voters in the clerk's office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls.

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:

Trustee – Susan Wilkey

Trustee – Jack MacDonough

Trustee – Carol Manegold

Board of Review

According to Wisconsin State Statutes, the Board of Review's initial meeting must take place sometime between the 2nd 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, we will also have additional information on what is needed to appear before the Board of Review.

Village Website - www.chenequa.org

Featured in this newsletter are the tabs **Cooperation** and **Water Safety** from the Police section of the Village of Chenequa website. The Chenequa Police Department cooperates with other organizations and surrounding law enforcement agencies. This cooperation enables partners to achieve efficiencies of scale by sharing costs, resources and knowledge. Under the Police **Cooperation** section you will find information related to:



CHENEQUA POLICE

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Critical Incidents	Team of selected officers from Brookfield, Chenequa, Delafield, Hartland and the Village of Pewaukee trained to handle highly critical calls.
FBI National Academy	The Chenequa Police Department is proud to have graduates of the FBI National Academy.
Firearms	Police departments from Chenequa, Delafield, Hartland, Lannon and the Village of Pewaukee cooperate to provide quarterly firearms and defensive tactics training for all officers and allows for the sharing of training equipment and instructors.
Jail, Waukesha County	Contact information and layout of the Waukesha County Jail.
Major Investigations Unit	A team of selected officers from the Chenequa, Delafield, Hartland, Lannon and the Village of Pewaukee trained and prepared to investigate all major crimes and traffic accidents. Member of the Cyber Crime Taskforce.
Mutual Assistance (S.M.A.R.T.)	Suburban Mutual Aid Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.) provides immediate extra law enforcement personnel and equipment at the scene of law enforcement emergencies.
Municipal Court	Contact information; disputing a citation; paying fees online; link to CCAP.
WCC Dispatch	County-wide 911 dispatch center; shared record management system.

The residents have access to three different lakes: Beaver, Pine and North Lakes. The Police **Water Safety** section includes information to enjoy the lakes safely.

Boater Safety Classes	Mandatory education requirement information.
DNR Information Packets and Registration	Wisconsin boating laws and requirements; download the PDF handbook; link to the DNR website's boating section.
Lake Ordinances	Chapter 4 Village Ordinance provides guidance on use of area lakes.



HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

Lake Science

Congratulations Pine Lakers! The water quality of Pine Lake is the best in recent history. The scale used by the WI-DNR to measure water quality is known as the Trophic State Index (TSI). Water clarity and the levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll are used to create a scale from 0-110, generally the higher the TSI - the lower the water quality. TSI values of 70-80 are considered very eutrophic lakes. Typically these lakes would have limited light penetration into the water, excessive plant growth, and heavy algae blooms are possible throughout the summer. A TSI value of 30 is considered oligotrophic, excellent water quality, clear and oxygen rich. Pine Lake is oligotrophic and in 2011 the TSI was 36. Pine Lake has always had good water quality, but since 1979 which had a TSI value of 57, there has been a steady decline in the TSI value of Pine Lake (remember lower is better). Why is this happening even with the increased development pressures since 1979? Much of the credit goes to the lake residents. More residents are using good land/lake stewardship practices such as:

- Voluntary reduction or elimination in the use of pesticides/fertilizers. The ban on phosphorus containing fertilizers has helped but excessive nitrogen can cause problems as well.
- Replacing shoreline lawn with buffer strips of landscape perennials or better yet restoring the shore with natural vegetation.
- Reduce the amount of lawn; install shrub or perennial beds; and/or plant trees.
- Proper maintenance or replacing of older septic systems.

A healthy lake doesn't just happen. It takes a partnership between lakeshore property owners, the village or other agencies to keep all of our lakes ecologically healthy.

Cutting Vegetation along the Lake Shore

A reminder to all and especially our new residents, any cutting along the lakeshore requires a permit from the Village. Our lakes are our greatest natural asset. To protect the scenic beauty, control erosion, and reduce effluent and nutrient flow into the lakes, Village Ordinance 6.09 regulates cutting within 75 feet of the shore. Currently the Village Planning Commission is looking into some minor changes to the ordinance. These changes if approved will make compliance easier for the residents.

Pine Lake Boating Safety and Recreation Use Survey

In response to concerns voiced regarding boating activity on Pine Lake a survey was sent out to Pine Lake residents. The survey may still be returned to the Village Hall by mail or placed in the mail box outside of the front entrance. The results will be reviewed next month and discussed further with the Village Board and our Water Safety Patrol. There has been a very good response to the preferences asked for. Thank you for your written comments, concerns and appreciation noted.

WI- DNR Pier Registration

Lake residents should check with the WI-DNR on the status of the Pier Registration requirements. The deadline for registration was posted as April 1, 2012. However, on March 7, 2012, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Bill 326 which contains changes to the pier regulations and possible exemptions. Senate Bill 326 will move on to the state assembly for approval. A copy of the bill can be found at the Wisconsin State Legislature website:

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/proposals/sb326> . Information on existing WI-DNR pier registration is found at: http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/recreation/piers_registration.html .

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.

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.

Chenequa Foundation



The Chenequa Foundation has approved funding for replacement of ruggedized laptop computers for the police squads. The current equipment is 6 years old and has served the officers well.

Your police department is planning a transition to new computer aided dispatch and mobile data software. This will be done in partnership with the Communication Center and Information Technology Departments of Waukesha County.

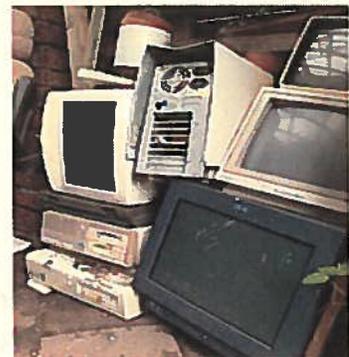
The Communication Center is in the process of changing its public safety software. In order to take advantage of the new software, current squad computer hardware and supporting equipment requires updating.

The Foundation's granting of funds for the improvement in this new technology will contribute greatly to the safety of the police officers and Village residents.

Recycling Center – Disposal of Electronic Waste Materials

Due to the recent state law prohibiting the disposal of electronic waste materials into landfills, the Village of Hartland has expanded their recycling drop off site to accept the collection of televisions, computer peripherals, consumer printers, fax machines, VCR's, DVD players/recorders, notebook, laptop and desktop computers and computer monitors.

These items may be deposited in a separate drop off box located in the Public Works Yard at 701 Progress Drive in Hartland on Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm.



International Migratory Bird Day Celebration



International Migratory Bird Day will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Created in 1993, the event is now hosted at over 500 sites throughout the Western Hemisphere, reaching hundreds of thousands of youth and adults. As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations, the annual bird conservation theme will focus on 20 ways people may help preserve birds every day. The theme is highlighted in the 2012 art created by Rafael Lopez. The lively piece reflects the joy, curiosity, and beauty of birds, while sharing the importance of community in bird conservation. The Village of Chenequa will celebrate IMBD on Saturday, May 12th. Please email Jo Ann Villavicencio at jfvillavicencio@chenequa.org if you are interested in participating in our annual "Chenequa Birdwalk".



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 9 p.m. on April 24th and 26th and on May 1st and 3rd at the Village Hall. The class is open to children 11 years of age or older. Cost is \$10 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.
- ✦ If your boat has a lanyard, please attach to PFD.
- ✦ 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 **2013 - 2015** 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.

