



# Village of Chenequa

## NEWS

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### VILLAGE NEWS

#### Spring Election

The Spring Election will be held on April 2, 2013. 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 are 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 §12.04 and any amendments thereto.

There are **three** Village Trustee seats open, as well as the Village President seat.

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

For office of Village President – Incumbent Robert Foote, Jr.

For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Bronson Haase

For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Dwyn von Bereghy

For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Jo Ann Villavicencio

We are also looking for new volunteers to be poll workers. The requirement to become a poll worker is 2 hours of training every 2 years. We appreciate all the wonderful help we get from our current volunteers. Please contact the Village Hall if you are interested in helping at your local elections!

#### Waukesha County Drug Collection & Awareness



On April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Waukesha County will hold a county-wide drug collection. Please bring prescription medication, over the counter medication, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, herbals and pet medications to one of Waukesha County's appointed drop off locations. The closest locations are in Oconomowoc at the Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, Pewaukee at WCTC (800 Main St, main parking lot), and in Waukesha at the Waukesha State Bank Downtown Office (St. Paul Ave. at Madison St.). Please

do not bring any biohazardous material (including needles), mercury, household hazardous waste, or personal hygiene products. For more information, please visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection).

#### Dog Licenses

Many dog owners have not yet licensed their dogs for 2013. As a reminder, all dogs over 5 months of age **MUST** be licensed. Every year a new application must be submitted along with a copy of the rabies vaccination information and the proper fee. Please be sure your dog is properly licensed as it is a state law and local ordinance. The application is available in our office and online at [www.chenequa.org](http://www.chenequa.org) under the tab of eServices.

**New Assessor: Megan Bezanson**

The Village of Chenequa has a new Assessor- Megan Bezanson with Tyler Technologies. She will be taking over duties starting immediately, and she will be working closely with the Village on the Board of Review.



Prior to open books, Tyler Technologies will have assessment roll data available on their website. This information will be password protected. Residents will be notified via email when they can view this information. Please make sure we have your current email address by either calling the Village Hall at 262-367-2239 or by contacting Pam at: [clerk-treasurer@chenequa.org](mailto:clerk-treasurer@chenequa.org).

**Open Book – Monday, May 13, 2013 from 9-11 a.m.**

If you wish to meet with Megan Bezanson of Tyler Technologies for Open Book, you must make an appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact Ms. Bezanson at 800-959-6876, Ext 5 or via email at [megan.bezanson@tylertech.com](mailto:megan.bezanson@tylertech.com)

**Board of Review – Thursday, June 11, 2013, from 3-5 p.m.**

*What is the Board of Review?*

The Board of Review has the duty of correcting any errors in assessment that have been made, inadvertently or otherwise. It is the duty of the Board of Review to carefully examine the roll and correct all apparent errors in descriptions or computations, and to add any property to the roll that the assessor may have omitted.

**Appointments for the 2013 Board of Review are necessary**

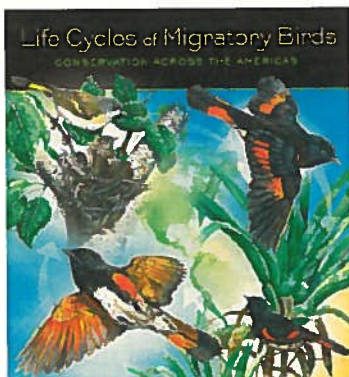
An objection form must be filed with Pamela Little, Village Clerk, 48 hours prior to the Board of Review meeting. Information on the 2013 Property Assessment Appeal Guide is available at the Clerk's office during normal business hours. Should you have any questions, contact Pam at 262-367-2239 or via email at [clerk-treasurer@chenequa.org](mailto:clerk-treasurer@chenequa.org).

**Internet Connections**

Some areas of the Village of Chenequa will now have access to Internet called HomeFusion provided by Verizon. An alternative to cable Internet and a landline, HomeFusion connects your home to the Internet via Verizon's 4G LTE network. For more information about HomeFusion, please contact your local Verizon representative or visit [www.VerizonWireless.com](http://www.VerizonWireless.com).

This is one of many developing options available to our residents.

**International Migratory Bird Day Celebration**



As a recognized Bird City, Chenequa is proud to announce the upcoming International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This year's international theme is the life cycles of migratory birds, as well as the continued theme of the importance of bird conservation. The life cycle theme explores the life of a migratory bird from nesting and migration to breeding and raising young. For more information on IMBD and how you can help conserve our birds, please visit [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org).



## HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

### Deer Management /CWD

In 1995, a Deer Management Plan was drafted by the Village to reduce the number of deer. The Village annually removes excess deer in an attempt to balance the environmental carrying capacity with societal tolerance. Now we are faced with a new concern in managing the deer herd.

Recently a deer tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the Town of Delafield. Since the discovery of CWD, samples from the deer killed by the sharpshooting program in Chenequa have been submitted to the WI-DNR for testing.

At this time none of the test results are available and it is unknown if the disease has spread into the Village. CWD is highly transmissible between deer and it is thought to be spread through direct contact and contaminated food or water. For this reason, the WI-DNR has prohibited the feeding of deer in many areas of the state, including the Village.

Attracting deer with food maybe be contributing to the spread of this fatal disease. Any information of this activity will be passed on to the WI-DNR wardens.

### Goose Program



The Village has an annual contract with the USDA- Wildlife Services to reduce the population of Canada Geese on Pine Lake. In early April, personnel from the USDA will seek out the goose nests, spray vegetable oil on the eggs and collect the eggs several weeks later. Residents who wish to participate in this program must have a signed release on file to allow USDA personnel on to their property.

### Lake Weeds

The dramatic increase in the weeds last summer caused numerous problems for lake users across much of southeastern Wisconsin. The lack of ice last winter was thought to contribute to the weed problem in 2012. So far we have had near normal ice conditions, but it is unknown what the summer of 2013 will bring. Beginning this spring, Pine Lake will be surveyed with a GPS mapping to accurately locate the Eurasian milfoil beds, which will make it easier to locate and treat weed beds in the future. Hopefully the additional treatment last fall will also reduce the size and numbers of large beds of Eurasian water milfoil.

### Weight Restrictions 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 to the private drives and plan ahead for the delivery of building supplies, fuel oil, and septic tank service.

### 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.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### **For Your Protection: Mobile Banking Security**

ID theft and Internet crimes are more prevalent than ever, so it's important to educate yourself on ways to prevent the distress and hassle that accompanies fraud. With a little information and awareness, you can keep your information safe while enjoying the conveniences of mobile banking.

Mobile banking places all of the functionality of a home PC on a mobile device such as a tablet or smartphone, but how safe is your information? Mobile banking can be as basic as text messages of balance information to as sophisticated as applications that you download from Apple or Android stores. The convenience of having access to your bank via mobile device is attractive, but beware: fraudsters are finding ways to garner information and use it to commit fraud.



Follow these tips to help keep your information safe:

- Know where your phone is at all times. Keep it in the same pocket every time you leave your home, and leave it in the same spot when you return home.
- Keep your phone password protected. Although it's tempting to disable the password function on your phone, using a password will deter a thief and hopefully give you time to disable your phone if lost.
- Download apps from safe sites. Use the official Apple or Android app stores to download your apps. Don't click on links from unknown sources- they may have malicious code attached that could compromise your phone's security.
- Whether you use a mobile banking app or your bank's official website, be sure to log off when you are finished using the service. Some applications will remain open, and if the phone is stolen, the thief could easily see your information. Logging off is a simple way to ensure you have disconnected from the mobile banking site.
- Avoid connecting to public Wi-Fi networks. Criminals can intercept information that is submitted through a public network, and your information could be stolen in an instant.
- Don't click on links from unknown sources. The same rule you apply to your PC applies to your smartphone. Links from unknown sources try to divert you to a site that can load malicious code on your phone that tracks your information. Delete any unknown texts or links- they are most likely malicious.

### **Citizen Academy**

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Country area finished its first Citizen Academy. Joined with officers from the Village of Hartland, City of Pewaukee, and City of Delafield, our officers spent 8 weeks teaching various techniques of their profession to citizens of the area. Both the officers and the citizens had a great time, and we look forward to offering the academy again in the future.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS CONTINUED

### Boating Safety Classes

The Chenequa Police Department's Water Safety Patrol will again conduct the Department of Natural Resources' certified boating safety class on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 p.m. Classes will be held at the Chenequa Village Hall. The class is open to anyone 12 years of age or older. The cost of the class is \$10 per student, and the class size is limited to 20 students. For reservations and/or additional information, please contact the Chenequa Police Department at 367-2145. Pursuant to Wisconsin law, **ALL INDIVIDUALS BORN ON OR 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 at slow-no-wake when within 200 ft of the shore.
- ✚ Make sure boat registration is current and certificate of number is carried on board.
- ✚ Registration decals should reflect a **2014 - 2016** date on your boat.

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

