



# Village of Chenequa

## NEWS

November 2011

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### VILLAGE NEWS

#### Village Trustee Election

Three trustee seats on the Village Board have terms that will expire in April of 2012. The current trustee incumbents are Susan Wilkey, Jack MacDonough and Carol Manegold. Village residents interested in taking out nomination papers may do so beginning December 1, 2011. Forms may be picked up at the Clerk's Office.

#### Village Board Gives Preliminary Approval for Tax Levy

The Village Board has given preliminary approval to the 2012 Village Budget. The Village Board set the tax levy at \$1,686,194.11, which is one-half of one percent increase over last year. The total assessed value of the Village of Chenequa for 2011 has been set by the Assessor at \$490,764,510.00. The resulting tax rate is \$3.44 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	2012
Tax Rate	5.04	5.22	5.22	5.25	5.31	5.42	5.56	5.67	3.24	3.40	3.44
LEVY INCREASE		3.05%	0%	.57%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	.05%

#### 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 approximately the third week in 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. 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, 2011, will be received as a 2011 payment. Any payments found in the drop box at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> will also be received as 2011 payment.

#### Holiday Office Hours

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Village will be open normal business hours for the remainder of the year. 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 2012. **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](http://www.chenequa.org/licenses.html).

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

Featured in this newsletter is the **Police** tab from the Village of Chenequa website. When you select the **Police** tab, you will find additional sections: **Home, About, Resources, Cooperation, Water Safety, eServices, Contacts** and **Village**

The Police **Home** page contains the Chenequa Police Department Mission Statement, the History of the Chenequa Police Department, and information on The Chenequa Foundation.

On the Police **Contacts** section, you will find information on office hours, telephone and fax numbers, and contact information for the Police Department.

The Police **Village** tab will bring you back to the home page of our website.

This newsletter will focus on the **Resources** tab.



**CHENEQUA POLICE**

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Community Notifications	Reverse 911 messaging system, locating missing persons via ACIM, and My State USA Emergency Alert Notifications for Waukesha County Residents
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers of Waukesha County – toll free number – confidentiality
Drug Collection	Toll free number to ship medications so they can be destroyed safely
Graduated Driver Licenses	Complete information on GDLs with link to the WI DOT
Fireworks	WI DOJ Fireworks Law of 2008
Fraud	Information / Tips
Home Drug Test Kits	How to obtain a 10-panel drug testing kit
Internet Safety	Basic online safety rules for children and adults
Links	Numerous links for great resources on safety, county, state and national government
Personal Safety	Information / Tips
Sex Offenders	Family Watchdog: Nationwide accurate sex offender location information
Teen Drug Use	TheAntiDrug.com program
Vehicle Registration	Registration and renewal services at the Hartland Police Department
Victim Information	Information on victim's rights, VINE Program, adult/juvenile offender contacts, and victim/witness program

Our spring newsletter will continue to highlight information found in the **Police** section of our website.



## HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

### Winter Roadway Procedures and Reminders

The 2012 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, 2011. **Failure to do so will remove your address from the plowing list effective January 1, 2012.** 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 2012 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.

### Hidden Dangers Along the Drives



Obstacles hidden under the snow have caused damage to the Village snowplows. Last winter a fallen log caused enough damage to a plow where it needed replacement at the cost of \$5000. Please check your drive and mark or remove objects. Also check the condition of the pavement. Elevated changes in pavement or badly deteriorated asphalt can stop a snowplow instantly. This too can damage equipment and has injured the drivers.

### Buckthorn

A reminder to residents that fall is an excellent time to locate and remove buckthorn. At this time of year our native plants have dropped their leaves or at least changed color, while buckthorn remains dark green until very late in the fall. Don't forget to apply an herbicide labeled for buckthorn to the cut stump. Without an herbicide application the brush will sprout from dormant buds. For additional tips on tree or woodland care, call the Village Forestry Department.

### Where are Your Recycling Bins?

The most recent data from the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility reports the Village recycling tonnage has dropped 9.5% from the 2010 level.



Did you know it costs \$45 for every ton of trash that you throw away? The more we recycle the less material goes into the landfill, which reduces our costs. The good news is the average revenue per ton of recyclables shipped is \$86.84 compared to \$57.33 third quarter 2010, a 51% increase. Challenge your family to recycle more and reduce taxes. Go to [www.ReduceYourWasteStream.org](http://www.ReduceYourWasteStream.org) to learn more.

### Holiday Waste Collection

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

Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> ♦ Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ♦ January, 7<sup>th</sup>



## 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](mailto:policeclerk@chenequa.org).



### Carrying a Concealed Weapon

2011 Wisconsin Act 35 created a process for Wisconsin residents to obtain concealed carry licenses. For more information on this new law, and the requirements/application process, go to: <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ConcealedCarry.asp>

There is a minimal training requirement to complete the process. Consider additional training if you plan to carry a weapon. Training may include recommendations on how to carry and use, and how to care for and store a weapon. Our local technical college is providing a training course we are familiar with. For additional information, go to: <http://www.wctc.edu/cjtraining>

If you intend to carry or have access to a weapon while on your property, be alert and aware. There are many contractors, members of our building inspection, forestry and police department working around properties in our Village. When you leave your property with a weapon, you may find a restriction. An example is the Waukesha County Court House and Administration building. Signs are posted and persons are checked at the entrance. Consider purchasing a small lock box or case to keep in your vehicle and out of sight. If you have concerns or questions regarding weapon matters, please contact an officer for assistance.

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.

