



Village of Chenequa

NEWS

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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 2013. The current Village President is Robert Foote Jr. and the three trustee incumbents are Jo Ann Villavicencio, Bronson Haase, and Dwyn von Bereghy. Village residents interested in taking out nomination papers may do so beginning December 1, 2012. Forms may be picked up at the Clerk's Office.

Village Board Approves Tax Levy

The Village Board has given final approval to the 2013 Village Budget. The Village Board set the tax levy at \$1,709,149.27, which is a 1.36% increase over last year. The total assessed value of the Village of Chenequa for 2012 has been set by the Assessor at \$491,622,312.00. The resulting tax rate is \$3.48 per thousand of assessed value.

YEAR	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Tax Rate	5.42	5.56	5.67	3.24	3.40	3.44	3.48
LEVY INCREASE	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	.05%	1.36

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 mid-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, 2012, will be received as a 2012 payment. Any payments found in the drop box at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2nd will also be received as 2012 payment.

Lake Country Food Drive

This winter, Chenequa will be taking part in a food pantry shelf stocking contest! Please consider donating non-perishable food items to see which municipality can collect the most food during December and January. We will be collecting the food here, at the Village Hall, and it will be donated to the Hartland Food Pantry.

Holiday Office Hours

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 22th and Friday, November 23th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also be closed Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st, and Tuesday, January 1st. 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 2013. **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.

New Police Sergeant- Dan Neumer

After the retirement of Sergeant Phil Bagnall, a 32 year veteran of the Chenequa Police Department, the search was on for a replacement. Applications were accepted from internal and external candidates in order to find the most qualified police officer to fill the sergeant responsibilities.

Dan Neumer was our top applicant after an extensive testing process and was approved by the Chenequa Police Commission on October 25th, 2012. Dan comes to us from the City of Delafield Police Department where he served as a police officer for 12 years and has over 17 years of law enforcement experience. Dan further has several advanced skills that will be of benefit to training our officers to be the best we can be. Please welcome Sergeant Neumer when you have an opportunity to meet him. His work shift will primarily be 2nd shift; 2-10 pm.

Other Personnel

As we reported in the May newsletter, there have been a lot of personnel changes over this past year. With the departure of Bonita Zimdars from the Clerk's Office due to health issues, Pam Little has been working hard to learn and handle the duties of that office. With all the elections this year and the work and training needed to assure all is handled properly, Pam has handled the duties of this office very well.

Chloe Purton is the new Police Clerk and Deputy Clerk as also reported earlier this year. Chloe is settling in and grasping the duties of the police clerk and also learning some of the Village Clerk duties to assure we have back up and to support Pam.

Bonita Zimdars, as we had earlier reported, has Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Her condition continues to decline at a rather fast pace. She is wheelchair and scooter bound, has difficulty speaking and swallowing, and her motor skills have been severely diminished. Our fundraising effort has raised over \$18,000 to date, but we would like to enhance that to a much higher degree as her future needs will require a lot of medical and personal care. Please call Bob or Pam for information if you would like to make a donation.

Election News

The General Election and Special Primary for the State of Wisconsin was held on Tuesday, November 6th. The Village of Chenequa had a voter turnout rate of 87%. A total of 383 electors voted, with 118 of those being absentee ballots. There will also be another election held December 4th, 2012. This special election will round out our busy year at the polls, and voters will be selecting a replacement for the 33rd Senate District seat.

We would like to extend a *sincere thank you* to all who helped by working at the polls this year. Six elections! What a year! We are always looking for additional poll workers. To become a poll worker there is a training session prior to an election. The current poll workers say they enjoy the experience because they get to meet so many of their neighbors. Please consider volunteering!





HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

Winter Roadway Procedures and Reminders

The 2013 Snowplowing / Salting 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, 2012. **Failure to do so will remove your address from the plowing list effective January 1, 2013.** 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 / Salting Agreement and Release of Liability 2013 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. 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 a herbicide labeled for buckthorn to the cut stump. Without a herbicide application the brush will sprout from dormant buds. For additional tips on tree or woodland care, call the Village Forestry Department.

The Lasting Effects of Drought on Trees

The effects on trees from this dry year will not go away with our fall rains. The lack of moisture can cause the death of roots and alter the soil environment causing the tree to need several years to recover. A weakened tree is more susceptible to insects and pathogens. It is very likely that we will see an increase in the boring insects such as the two-lined chestnut borer, which attack oak trees, or the pine bark beetles, which attack conifers. Both can kill the host tree and threaten nearby trees.

This past year we learned that each tree species has different levels of drought tolerance. Many young sugar maples died while our native red cedar seemed to be unaffected. The location of the tree compounded the effects of the drought; slopes with southern exposures were hardest on the trees and shrubs. Keep this in mind when choosing planting sites for new trees, especially if the area will not receive supplemental watering.



New plantings take several years to become established. A good general rule is the "5 plus 5 rule" for watering- five gallons per week plus five gallons more for each inch of diameter. As an example, a three inch diameter tree should receive 20 gallons of water per week. This fall it is very important that all plantings are well watered before going into winter, especially the conifers. Evergreen needles will continue to transpire in the winter on sunny mild days.

Finally, outside of watering, the most helpful thing for your trees is mulch.

Mulching moderates the temperature extremes, prevents the soil from drying, lessens compaction, improves soil health, increases soil micro-organism and keeps grass away from the tree. Think of it as the "chicken noodle soup" for trees: inexpensive, simple to install and lots of benefits.

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 24th ♦ Saturday, December 29th ♦ Saturday, January, 5th



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.

Citizen Police Academy

The Village of Chenequa Police Department is seeking interested residents to participate in a Citizen Police Academy. The program is co-hosted with the police departments serving the Village of Pewaukee, the Village of Hartland and the City of Delafield. It will run between 6 pm and 9 pm for eight weeks beginning January 22, 2013.

Participants will take part in weekly presentations and exercises covering the following topics:

- Impaired driving enforcement and drug enforcement
- Emergency vehicle operation and traffic stops
- Identity theft and computer crimes
- Decision making in use of force situations
- Critical Incident Team
- Major Investigations Unit
- Dispatch center tours and presentation
- Ride along with an officer

The topics covered will be presented by sworn officers from the participating agencies. The presentations will take place at each agency's facility, Waukesha County Technical College, and the Waukesha County Communications Center.

Anyone interested in joining the members of your law enforcement community in learning about how and why we do the things we do should contact Lt. Jay Iding of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department at (262) 691-5678 or ltjayiding@villageofpewaukee.com prior to December 1, 2012.

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.





Scam Alert

Getting educated and taking a few basic steps may well keep you from becoming a victim of crime and fraud—and save you a great deal of time and trouble. This scam was just attempted on one of our Village residents. The following account is from the FBI website on scams and alerts.

It is a nightmare for any grandparent, a call from a granddaughter pleading for help.

But that's what happened when Betty Workman picked up the phone. The young woman on the other end of the phone line said she was Betty's granddaughter and was in trouble.

Betty says she was told that her granddaughter was involved in a minor drunk driving accident in Canada and needed money to get out of jail.

"I mean I was weeping and crying," said Workman, "because I was sure it was her."

Betty sent \$3,000 dollars to Canada through Western Union. But apparently that wasn't enough. She she got home she had a message, now her granddaughter need \$20,000. Betty didn't have the money so she agreed to send \$2,000.

Fortunately for Betty, Western Union thought something was fishy and refused to send Betty Workman's money. Shortly after that, Betty called her daughter and found out her granddaughter was at home in San Diego, that the phone call was all part of an elaborate scam.

The scammer was allegedly operating in Montreal where victims were convinced their grandchildren were in danger in a foreign country.

"This one is horrible," said Sheryl Bilbrey with the Better Business Bureau, "because they're taking advantage of the elderly."

Bilbrey says grandparents have been fooled into sending away thousands of dollars. Bilbrey says in many cases scam artists have been able to solicit personal information from grandparents in their first phone call, but she says those scammers also use social media.

"Grandma is on Facebook and so they actually have the names when they are calling," said Bilbrey.

Betty Workman says she wants to warn other seniors so they don't become victims, as for people who would use emotions to trick the elderly out of their money: "I think they are more than greedy, they are evil."

If this happens to you, please write down the incoming number, and report it to local police.



Eurasian Milfoil Update

Lake residents in Chenequa likely observed the exceptional nuisance weed growth on local lakes during the summer of 2012. The weed problem was the worst since the 1950's – beyond the memory of most residents. The most problematic lake weed this past summer was Eurasian milfoil, a non-native weed that arrived in North America in the late 19th century and to lakes in Chenequa in the 1920's.

Eurasian milfoil patches foul motorboat propellers, get caught on sailboat boards, and make swimming miserable. Additionally milfoil competes for space and crowds out native and less intrusive non-native weeds. Extensive patches interfere with the natural ecology of a lake.

Eurasian milfoil weeds grow in patches that can be densely packed reaching the surface of a lake from depths as much as 25 feet. The individual plants are long, thin and float after becoming detached from the bottom. The weed spreads easily by floating with the wind. Even a 2-inch floating strand can take root in an area never previously infested to begin development of a new patch.

What made 2012 such an exceptional year was the a short period of ice cover due to the warm winter of 2011/2012; the lack of snow cover, allowing light to stimulate weed growth; and the weeks in March when the temperatures exceeded 80°F. The weed grows in water temperatures as low as 40°F. These conditions enabled the milfoil to get an early start on its annual growth cycle. And the exceptionally hot, dry summer provided ideal conditions for rapid, extensive growth not seen in over 50 years.

The Village contracts a firm to treat Pine Lake milfoil with liquid and pelletized 2-4-D herbicide under guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This herbicide selectively retards the growth of milfoil with minimal damage to desirable weeds. In recent years the most common growing conditions for milfoil allowed effective treatments to occur just after Memorial Day and a few days after Labor Day, but this summer the schedule wasn't sufficient to avoid the severe conditions we all experienced.

In September the Village received permission from the DNR to take extra steps to treat the milfoil. And next year the treatment schedule and areas treated will depend on the ice & snow conditions this winter. Hopefully the milfoil problem will be less severe next year. The Pine Lake Boat launch revenues are used to treat Pine Lake.



C Lake Country Fire & Rescue



What has Happened

With 2012 coming to an end LCFR has continued to develop into one of the most budget conscious Paramedic Departments in the State of Wisconsin. This year was a busy year for LCFR with many record setting months with regards to call volume. The membership was put to the test this year and came together to provide services to the communities we serve. There were many calls that involved critical thinking to save lives of those injured. The department also responded to a near firefighter fatality fire in the City of Oconomowoc. The near loss of one of our neighboring brothers hit home to all.

In addition to the daily duties that staff is responsible for such as equipment maintenance, training, fire inspections, and public relations the staff responds to various requests for help. This year was a recertification year for all Emergency Medical Technicians and after 18 months of hard work Lake Country Fire & Rescue is now an approved EMS Training Center. What this means is that LCFR is able to offer certified training to its staff in the most cost effective manner. With the current budget constraints the administration of LCFR is committed to maintaining the highest quality protective services to its residents. Cuts have been made to the budget where possible and additional revenue avenues have been sought. Recently LCFR came together with local law enforcement to make sure we are prepared should a shooting occur in our communities.

We are committed to serving you and making sure that when you call for help those that respond are prompt, courteous and knowledgeable.

Winter Safety Tips



Winter Fire Hazards

- 🔥 Don't overload your electrical outlets and extension cords. Overloading increases the risk of having electrical fires
- 🔥 Keep your Christmas tree well watered to prevent drying of the needles
- 🔥 Space heaters if not properly monitored present an increased risk of starting fires due to being too close to flammable objects.



Do you have a Carbon Monoxide Detector?

- 🔥 CO is an odorless and colorless gas also known as the silent killer.
- 🔥 Protect your family by placing a CO detector on every floor of your house.



Has your Fireplace Chimney been cleaned this year?

- 🔥 Every time you burn particles build up in your chimney. If not cleaned the build up can eventually start a fire.
- 🔥 Check the top of your chimney to be sure a bird/squirrel hasn't built a nest over the summer months.

