



VILLAGE of CHENEQUA

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

VILLAGE NEWS

Spring Election - April 5th – Presidential Primary

In-person absentee voting at the Village Hall begins March 21st and ends Friday, April 1st at 5:00 p.m. Items on the ballot include: the Presidential Primary, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, County Supervisor, Multi-Jurisdictional Judge, Village Trustees and School District Offices. Sample Absentee Ballots are available for review on the Village website:

<http://chenequa.org/government/legal-notices/>

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're unable to vote in person at the Village Hall, you can obtain an absentee ballot at the Village Hall or request one to be mailed to you by filling out the Absentee Ballot Application form. That form can be found on the village website at <http://chenequa.org/eservices/requests/>.

REMINDER--Political signs are not permitted on public property, right-of-ways or within one hundred (100) feet 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.

In addition to the Presidential Primary, there are three Village Trustee seats open.

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

- For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Helmut Keidl
- For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Carol O Manegold
- For office of Village Trustee – Incumbent Robert W Bellin



Poll Workers Needed

Chenequa has the greatest group of volunteer poll workers. Your Chief Inspectors, Alan Enters and Sharon Pretasky, do a wonderful job with the election process. This is a rewarding way to become involved in your community. General duties include: assigning voter numbers in the poll book, assisting and providing voters instruction, issuing ballots and voter registration. There are three shifts to pick from (7am to Noon; Noon to 4pm; and 4pm to close) and training is provided. For additional information, please contact the Village Clerk or your neighbors, Alan and Sharon.

The Chenequa Foundation

The village staff once again would like to thank the Chenequa Foundation for its support. For 2016 the Chenequa Foundation has agreed to pay for the new digital radios that are being upgraded in Waukesha County. The current radio system is 16 years old and is an 800 MHz system which will be upgraded to a digital format system this year.

2016 Revaluations and Notice of Assessments

Starting Monday, March 14th, staff from Tyler Technologies will be out in the field reassessing properties. Notice of Assessments will be sent out on Wednesday, April 13th.

2016 Board of Review and Open Book Meeting Dates

Open Book dates are April 28th and May 4th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 31275 W County Road K. Appointments are required.

2016 Board of Review

Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 31275 W County Road K. Appointments are necessary. You must complete and turn in the following forms 48 hours prior to the first meeting of the Board of Review: *Notice of Intent to File* and *Objection* and *Objection for Real Property Assessment*. These forms and the following guides are available on-line at the Village website, under the Departments tab, Assessor section: "Guide for Property Owners" and "Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owner".

Board of Review "Basics"

The Board of Review is a quasi-judicial body made up of the Village President, Village Clerk-Treasurer, and two Trustees.

- Members of the Board of Review sit as judges to hear the evidence presented
- Board Members may not have any ex-parte contact
- The Board does not independently set valuation
- The Board does not do-over the work of the Assessor
- The Board cannot substitute their judgment or idea of value for the Assessor's opinion
- The Board cannot change any value fixed by the Assessor, except upon sworn oral testimony produced for that purpose
- The Board shall correct all errors in description and computations
- The Board may subpoena witnesses, if necessary
- The Board makes decisions based on evidence presented by persons under oath
- The Board is not an assessing body
- The Board's function is not of valuation
- The Board is bound to accept the Assessor's assessment as correct unless there is competent sworn testimony not contradicted by other evidence that proves the assessment to be incorrect

2015 Wisconsin Act 79 – Posting of Legal Notices

Wisconsin Act 79 was signed by Governor Walker on November 11, 2015. This Act provides the option for villages to post legal notices on their website and one other public place instead of posting in three public places. Therefore, the Village of Chenequa will post legal notices on our website and use the main legal board in the Village Hall lobby. *2015 Wisconsin Act 79* can be found online at: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/79.pdf>.

Village Hall will be Closed

The Village Hall will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th. Please call the officer on duty for anything they could help you with at 262-367-2600 which goes to the Waukesha County Communications Center (WCC).

Other Village News

The intersection of Highway 83 and CTH K west will be reconstructed on or about August 1st, 2016. The island will be removed on CTH K and CTH K will be reconfigured to better align with Beaver Lake Road. There will also be some grading and tree removal in this area to promote better sight lines and safer conditions for motorists to make turns and proceed from stop signs.

This is a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation project and they have been working closely with Village of Chenequa Officials to determine how the redesign should be configured. It should be noted that the intersection of Hwy 83 and CTH K west will remain open but will be slow and open to one lane only during work hours so alternate routes are recommended. Beaver Lake Road from the area of STH 83 to about the Chenequa Highlands subdivision will be completely closed during the entire time of construction. We will provide more information as we get closer to the project being started. Up until the time of this reconstruction, there will be utility work being done in advance of the road work.



Jeff Kante has Retired

Jeff Kante, the Village Forester for 36 years has retired as of December 31st, 2015. Jeff may rejoin us on a limited part time basis at times to assist the village where his areas of expertise may be needed. In the meantime, the Village's Personnel Committee is reviewing resumes to fill this vacancy. Once our new Certified Arborist is found and hired on, we will be sure to let you know by posting it on our website at www.chenequa.org. Anyone wishing to send cards or letters of correspondence to Jeff may do so by sending them to the Village Hall and we will see that he gets them.

Oak Wilt Information

In the absence of our Forester, we have posted some new information from the Department of Natural Resources on our website which goes into great detail about the Oak Wilt issue. This village is heavily populated with oak trees and in order stop, deter and attempt to control this oak disease from continuing its spread, the village takes seriously the need to identify, remove and abate the diseased trees in order to further protect and deter the further spread to healthy trees. Please review the information on this link below to increase your knowledge and you too can help us identify problem areas in the village.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/foresthealth/oakwilt.html>

Waukesha County Sharps Disposal

Waukesha County would like to remind residents that improperly disposing of medical sharps poses a public health risk along with the potential to injure collection and recycling facility workers. To reduce public health risks, Wisconsin medical waste rules require safe management and disposal. It is illegal to put sharps in the refuse (trash) or with recyclables and there are several options for safe disposal:

- Contact your pharmacy, doctor, clinic or local hospital; many health care facilities accept sharps but are not legally required to register, therefore, may not appear on the list of registered sharps collection stations.
- Take sharps to a registered collection station. To find a site in Waukesha County go to www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling and click on Medical under Product Disposal.
- Use a "mail-back" sharps program, which can be found by searching the internet. The company should provide containers and packaging which meet U.S. postal regulations.

For more information, disposal publications and other locations for safe disposal of medical sharps in Wisconsin visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/HealthWaste/HouseholdSharps.html>

DNR Update of Pine Lake Fish

Pine Lake experienced a noticeable fish kill in the spring of 2015. The DNR asks for property owners and fisherman to monitor shorelines for any fish kill this year and notify them of any findings. Contact information is at the bottom of the article.

VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA, Wis. -- Rapidly warming water temperatures, the stress of spring spawning and a resulting fungal infection have contributed to a fish die off in Waukesha County's Pine Lake. The lake is a popular destination for anglers and boaters, who along with community residents have voiced concern over the die off, which started in mid-April. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologists collected and processed samples from the dead and dying fish, many of which appear lethargic with areas of reddened skin and patches of fungus.

Lab tests confirmed the presence of the fungus *Saprolegnia*, which appears as white or gray cottony patches and contributes to mortality in already weakened fish. The lab results revealed no significant viral pathogens although some of the fish had mixed bacterial growth of *Shewanella* and *Aeromonas sobria*. Both types of bacteria are normally found in freshwater and are opportunistic pathogens of fish.

The most heavily infected species include black crappies, largemouth bass, rock bass and bluegills, with the greatest mortality appearing among the crappies, said Ben Heussner, DNR fisheries biologist in Waukesha County. A survey of the lake indicated that northern pike, walleye and smallmouth bass have not been affected and continue to show healthy size structure and abundance.

"During the winter months, fish do not feed regularly and by spring, their fat stores often have been severely depleted," Heussner said. "As their metabolism increases and spawning activities begin, they are more prone to additional stress, which may come from changing water temperatures. The result is that they are more vulnerable to secondary bacterial and fungal infections."

Although the fungal and bacterial infections identified in the lab results are not harmful to humans, DNR encourages anglers to select only healthy fish and healthy tissue for cooking and eating. Fish that appear normal are safe to eat so long as they are properly cooked. Anglers are advised as always to thoroughly cook fish and follow safe eating guidelines found on the "[Eating Your Catch](#)" webpage." Do not eat fish that are found dead, decomposing or that appear sick. Wash hands after handling fish especially if they are dead or appear diseased. Heussner said the die off may continue for another week or two before affected populations adjust to the changing conditions. DNR will continue to monitor the situation and consider stocking adjustments if warranted.

Since dead fish along shorelines may become a host for bacteria or attract other pests, the best action for lakefront property owners is to bury the fish under at least 8 inches of dirt away from the water. Or, homeowners may put the fish in a heavy duty plastic bag and dispose of it with trash that goes to the landfill. Local municipalities may have other requirements for maximum weight or bagging and it's best to check with local waste handlers for requirements specific to a location. It is a good idea to wear protective gloves when handling dead fish.

Contact(s): Ben Heussner, DNR fisheries biologist, 414-303-0109; Benjamin.Heussner@wisconsin.gov; Jennifer Sereno, DNR communications, 608-770-8084, Jennifer.Sereno@wisconsin.gov

Electric Lines and Branch Clearing

Asplundh will be clearing electrical wires of tree limbs and trees that are a threat to power lines the next few months. Highway 83 from Pine Meadows to County Highway K west will be cleared first. Once that is completed, they will be clearing feeder lines to private properties and residences. Asplundh works for WE Energies to clear the power lines and will notify property owners of their timeline for when they will be in your area.



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Electronics and Appliances Recycling Event

The Village of Hartland will be hosting a special one-day collection of electronics and appliances open to any Waukesha County resident on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The collection will take place at 701 Progress Drive.

State law bans electronics and appliances from landfills and incinerators due to the valuable materials that can be recycled and reused, including precious metals like gold and copper. Many devices also contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants that need to be disposed of properly.

Items that will be collected at the event for a cash only fee include television sets (\$20 each) and Cathode Ray Tube computer monitors (\$5 each). These additional items will be collected at no fee: computers, other computer monitors, printers, keyboards, laptops, scanners, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, cell phones, telephones, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, microwaves, watercoolers, freezers, water heaters, washer/dryers, stoves, oven/ranges, dishwashers. For more information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling/

Weight Restrictions on Roads

Weight restrictions are in place on Village owned roads as of last week. This is the time of year when the roads (public and private) become vulnerable to damage from heavy loads. The Village's 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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Captain David Reid to Retire

David Reid, Police Captain of the Chenequa Police Department, has announced his retirement effective April 4th, 2016. Captain Reid has been with the Chenequa Police Department since 1990 and has over 36 years of law enforcement experience. Captain Reid has covered many of shift; nights, weekends, holidays and has been there to answer the call for service whenever needed. Captain Reid is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has been a very good leader, teacher, coach, and mentor to all our officers as well as many residents during his time with the village. His experience and knowledge will be greatly missed and we all wish him well. Anyone wishing to send a card or correspondence may do so by sending them to the Village Hall and we will see that he receives them.



Spring Checks

Spring is a great time to make sure all your information is current and your property is accessible. Please make sure your Knox Box keys are up to date, and the surrounding area is accessible and clear of any obstructions. If you are interested in purchasing a Knox Box, they are available at the Police Department. Make sure your address signs are also unearthed from any snow or debris and are easily visible. Officers are still visiting residences to collect Resident Contact information so we have the best methods of contacting you. We are trying to move more of our correspondence to email, so please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address on file at the Village Hall.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS CONTINUED

Boating Anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 is required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. DNR recreational safety specialists recommend all boat operators complete a safety course. This course is available online at this website <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>

Other Reminders

- Personal Flotation 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.
- For all other information relating to boating laws and registration please see the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/>

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

(No sorting necessary!)

| PAPER | CARDBOARD | GLASS | METAL CANS | PLASTIC CONTAINERS (liquids out, caps on) | LARGE RIGID PLASTIC (remove all metal parts) | CARTONS (remove caps & straws) |
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| Newspaper (incl. inserts) | Empty Cardboard (flattened) | Bottles and Jars | Aluminum Cans | Bottles (water, soda, juice) | Laundry Baskets | Juice Boxes |
| Magazines & Catalogs | Food Boxes | | Empty Aerosol Cans (no paint or pesticide cans) | Jugs (detergent, milk, juice, cleaning products, cooking oil) | Plastic Buckets (5 gallon, ice cream, kitty litter) | Soup or Broth Cartons |
| Junk Mail & Envelopes | Beverage Carriers | | Clean Foil & Pans | Tubs (margarine, sour cream, yogurt) | Plastic Dish Drying Racks | Milk & Juice Cartons |
| Office Paper | Paper Egg Cartons | | Steel/Tin Cans | Deli, Berry, & Produce Containers | Plastic Crates | |
| Construction Paper | Brown Grocery Bags | | Pots & Pans | Cups | | |
| Paperback Books | Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Tubes | | | Lids | | |
| Telephone Books | Tissue Boxes | | | | | |