

March 2008

VILLAGE NEWS

Spring Election

The Spring Election is set for April 1, 2008. 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 will be 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 (2001-02) Section 12.04 and any amendments thereto.

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

Trustee: Robert Foote, Jr.
Trustee: Kathleen Seidel
Trustee: Susan Wilkey

Chenequa Foundation Support

On behalf of the entire village staff, we would again like to thank the Chenequa Foundation and those that have contributed to it for their continued support of village projects and equipment. Due to their recent grant, the village will be purchasing digital video equipment for the three squad cars. The Foundation is also supporting the Lake Management Plans for Pine, Beaver and North Lakes being prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC).

Board of Review

The Village of Chenequa will be conducting their annual Board of Review coming up sometime after mid May. Notification of the date for the 2008 Board of Review will be posted to our website when the date becomes available. The open book session that is held before the Board of Review is provided to allow property owners to discuss their assessments with the Village assessor. In the event the owner and the assessor cannot reach an agreement on a fair assessment value, the property owner has the option to file a request to appear before the Board of Review, who will then make a determination

Dog Licenses

It has come to our attention the Village has many dog owners who have not yet licensed their dogs for 2008. 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. A dog license application is included with this newsletter. Please be sure your dog is properly licensed.

Internet options

The Village has received fairly good reports from residents using the wireless Netwurx Internet option which has tower sites both here in the village as well as Holy Hill. You may contact them by calling 1-800-NETWURX (1-800-638-9879) or visiting their website, www.netwurx.net. Other residents wanted to share that the Sprint Wireless cards are also working very well for them and that may also be an option to consider. The cost we are told is roughly \$60.00 per month for the wireless cards.

New Burning Ordinance Adopted

The Village of Chenequa revised and adopted a new burning ordinance last fall. The new ordinance reflects what the policy has been for some time but now makes it an ordinance so it is enforceable and known to all what the parameters are for burning in the Village of Chenequa. That ordinance is enclosed for your review and future reference.

Goose Barrier Fencing

The Village Board approved revisions in the Building and Zoning Code in 2002 to allow temporary goose barrier fencing within the setback area from the lake. An application must be completed and approved prior to the installation of such a goose barrier fence. Details of the fence/barrier composition is required as part of the application. It is suggested that materials proposed to be used not be visible from the lake. An application form is included with this newsletter and is also available online at www.chenequa.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Boating Safety Classes

The Chenequa Police Department's Water Safety Patrol will again be conducting the Department of Natural Resource's certified boating safety class on April 15, 17, 22, and 24. The sessions will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the Chenequa Village Hall. The class is open to anyone 11 years of age or older. The cost of the class is \$15 per student. Class size is limited to 20 students and fills up quickly. For reservations and/or additional information, please contact the Chenequa Police Department at 367-2145. Pursuant to a new state law, ALL individuals born after 1/1/1989 MUST take a DNR Certified Boating Safety Class prior to operating a boat.

Boating Reminders

- 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 16 feet in length must have a throwable personal floatation device (PFD) on board.
- All boats must have 1 personal floatation device (PFD) per person on board.
- Boats with built in fuel tanks must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- Personal Water Craft (PWC) must operate a slow-no-wake when within 200 feet of the shore.
- Make sure boat registration is current and certificate of number is carried on board.
- If you have a 2008 decal on your boat, your registration expires on March 31, 2008.

Your Police Department

Two new officers have been hired for fulltime duties due to two officers leaving the department in the fall of 2007. Officer John Palese, Jr., began his full time duties in December 2007. John was with the department on a part-time basis for two years and retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel; where he flew 31 missions in Iraq during Desert Storm and is also semi retired from American Airlines as a Captain. Officer Richard (Rick) Johns has also joined the department effective February of 2008. Rick was employed fulltime by Quadgraphics as a Production Planner and worked part time with the Town of Summit Police Department and Dousman Police Department. Please welcome these two new officers to the village when you happen to have contact with them.

Captain David Reid was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and will graduate from this prestigious institution on March 13th, 2008 following 11 weeks of in-depth training in various areas of law enforcement management and investigation training. There are only 20 officers from the entire state of Wisconsin selected to attend this training on a yearly basis, and to be selected is truly an opportunity of a lifetime. Captain Reid is the second Chenequa Police Department member to be a graduate of the FBI Academy as Chief Robert Douglas is a 1997 graduate.

HIGHWAY/FORESTRY NEWS

A Green Lawn and a Clean Lake

The Village of Chenequa recently adopted a phosphorous free fertilizer ordinance (enclosed). Many of our state's communities have as well and the State of Wisconsin is also considering a state wide ban on fertilizers containing phosphorous. Please notify your lawn care services to make them aware of this change.

Excessive amounts of phosphorous in lake water can create algae blooms and reduce both water clarity and water quality. Most of our soils already have more than enough phosphorus for healthy plant growth and with a few exceptions no more is needed.

Goose Management

The Village has again contracted with USDA –Wildlife Services to control the population of Canada Geese on Pine Lake beginning in April. USDA employees will oil the eggs of the nests found on the properties of those residents which have signed a release. Residents which have participated in the past will be contacted within the next few weeks. If you are interested please call the Village Hall.

New Snow Plow

In a year of record snow fall, the village received delivery of a new snow plow truck in early February. The new truck is smaller and more maneuverable than our other trucks which will be a great asset in the private drives. The additional piece of equipment has reduced the time needed to reach each property after a snowfall.

Weight Restriction on Roads

Soon the snow and ice will melt and the soil will be saturated with water. This is the time of year when the roads (public and private) become very vulnerable to damage from heavy loads. Many area public roads will

be posted with weight restrictions (10 tons) during this period limiting heavy truck traffic. Residents may consider restricting heavy loads from the private drives from trucks and planning ahead for the delivery of building supplies, fuel oil or septic tank service.

Oak Wilt Disease

During this past winter, trees infected with Oak Wilt were removed from several properties within the village in an effort to control the advance of this fatal tree disease. In a cooperative effort between the village forestry department and village residents the infected trees were surveyed then removed by private contractors, most of which will be sawed into lumber. To preserve the health of the forests, residents are encouraged to note sick and dying trees especially oak trees. A timely response can mean the difference between losing a single tree or many.