

March 2009

VILLAGE NEWS

Spring Election

The Spring Election is set for April 7, 2009. 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 are running for office in the Village of Chenequa:

President – Bryce P. Styza

Trustee – JoAnn F. Villavicencio

Trustee – Bronson Haase

Trustee – Andrew Gehl

Hwy 83 Update

The Village has received notice from the State Department of Transportation that they will move forward this summer with a resurfacing of STH 83 through the Village of Chenequa. The earlier plans to do intersection reconfiguration and reconstruction and move utilities outside the 10' clear zone has been postponed to 2016. This revised project will consist of a 2" mill with an asphalt overlay. Currently they expect this to be a 2 week project beginning in mid July of this year. This is certainly welcome news from what the village was facing with the construction plan still scheduled for 2016 which includes a lot of tree clearing and clear zone work.

Solicitations and Transient Merchants

The Village of Chenequa Board of Trustees has put new registration requirements in place for those individuals or businesses that come into the village **unsolicited** and attempt to go door to door selling goods or services. These organizations and individuals will now be required to apply for a solicitation permit from the Village Clerk seven days in advance of their solicitation efforts.

If approved to conduct door to door activities, the individuals will be issued a Village of Chenequa permit which they will be required to show you before they begin their solicitation efforts. Any individual private driveways or private roads may be posted using a sign at least eleven (11) inches square bearing the words "No Trespassing" or "No Solicitation" and they will not be allowed to enter your property. This process will allow the Chenequa Police Department to conduct checks on the individuals as well as the business they are representing for validity and past history. Should someone attempt to solicit you without proper credentials, please notify the Chenequa Police Department. **NOTE:** *Religious organizations are exempt from this requirement but will be required to register with the Village Clerk their name, address, phone number and age. They will not be required to carry a Village Permit but should have an identification document issued by their respective organization in hand.*

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. In 2008 the Chenequa Foundation funded digital video and audio systems for the three marked patrol squads; they continue to fund lake management studies and recently purchased defibrillators for police and fire responses.

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 2009 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 2009. 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.

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. The application form is available in our office 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 14, 16, 21, and 23, 2009. 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.

HIGHWAY/FORESTRY NEWS

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Emerald ash borer has not been found in the Village of Chenequa...yet. Here are some things you need to know concerning its spread and possible treatments: The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees. Native to eastern Asia, the insect was first discovered in eastern Michigan in 2002 and is now found in 9 states. Most experts say EAB will continue to spread and we should prepare ourselves now. To date the closest known infestation is in the Ozaukee county community of Newburg (7

miles east of West Bend).The Newburg infestation is thought to be at least 5 years old and since its discovery last summer, an extensive search is being done to determine how far the infestation has spread.



How is it spread?

Although the adult form of this insect is capable of flying several miles, it normally moves less than ½ mile. Human activity is considered to be the greatest cause of its spread. The movement of infested nursery stock, logs, pallets, wood chips, and especially firewood is considered to be the most likely cause of new infestations. The transportation of these materials is now regulated under quarantine restrictions listed for Washington, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Fond du Lac counties because of the Newburg site.

What can be done?

Monitor your ash trees and watch for these signs. Keep in mind it is very difficult to determine if a tree is infested, especially in the early stages. Look for:

1. D shaped holes in the trunk and branches-1/8” diameter.
2. Vertical splits in the bark and “zig- zag” lines under the bark caused by the larva.
3. Yellowing leaves and a thinning crown.
4. Suckering along the trunk.
5. Increased woodpecker activity.

*Many of our local ash trees have been declining in recent years due to several other factors not related the Emerald Ash Borer.

Landscape Trees

The ash tree has been commonly used as a landscape and street tree. This has set the stage for a devastating loss of trees due to a disease or insect attack when a single tree species is planted so heavily. There is no silver bullet to combat the Emerald ash borer. Pesticides applied by arborists or homeowners are at present the best way to protect or prolong the life of an ash. Insecticidal treatments are ineffective after a tree is infested. However, preventative insecticide treatments are effective in most cases. Some treatments are inexpensive and can be done by the homeowner but require annual applications. It is recommended to treat only healthy high valued or specimen ash trees and consider replacing lower quality trees with an alternative variety of tree. The University of Wisconsin - Department of Entomology has recommended using insecticides only in areas within 10-12 miles from a known infestation. Some tree care firms have already begun treating ash trees even though they are outside the recommended zone. If you decide to have a treatment, discuss it with a tree care professional.

Forest Trees

The cost of treating each tree in a forest is prohibitive. Fortunately our natural forests here in the Village consist of a number of species and ash trees make up a minor portion. The suggested forest management practice is to reduce the percentage of ash trees in a stand to less than 10%--saving the best and healthiest ash trees.

Conclusion

This is a relatively new problem and very little was known about EAB five years ago. Management and control techniques have been updated as we gain more experience and knowledge. Be aware that is a serious problem in other areas and could be here in the near future. For more information contact the Village Forester or visit the following web site, <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>

A Green Lawn and a Clean Lake

Just a reminder that the Village of Chenequa adopted a phosphorous free fertilizer ordinance. 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.

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 want to consider restricting heavy loads from trucks from the private drives and planning ahead for the delivery of building supplies, fuel oil or septic tank service.