



# Village of Chenequa

October 2021 Newsletter

Fall is coming!

## Halloween Trick or Treat

October 31 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

### Welcome Officer Chochola



Part-time Village of Chenequa Police Officer Steven Chochola has been promoted to a Full-Time Officer. Steven joined us from the Village of Pewaukee with 5 years of experience as a road patrol and boat patrol officer. He has a total of 6 years in Law Enforcement and has served as a Field Training Officer and a School Resource Officer. Steven will remain a member of the Suburban Critical Incident Team (S.C.I.T) and the Major Investigations Unit (M.I.U.) which he previously served both in Pewaukee. We are proud to have Steven and congrats to him!

### Snowbird & Vacation House Watch

If you are leaving town for more than a couple of days and would like the Police Department to make a daily check of your home, please call the Police Department so we can fill out a House Check Report form for you or click on the link and email it back to us.

If you will be gone for four weeks or longer, please be sure to call John's Disposal to pause your garbage pick-up while you are away.

If you have questions, feel free to call the Chenequa Police Department Non-emergency line at:  
262-367-2145

### Forestry News

Fall is just beginning! With the arrival of cooler weather, we will be seeing the trees starting to shift towards dormancy and a general decrease in the activity of insects and tree diseases. This means that fall is a great season for tree care. Expect to see the Forestry crew out planting, pruning, and removing trees over the next several weeks in order to maintain our scenic forests.

Whether we like it or not, winter will be here in no time. Therefore, the Village of Chenequa Forestry Department is reminding residents of the importance of plow markers and driveway clearance for snowplow services. Inadequate marking makes it very difficult for our Forestry Department to determine where the driveway boundaries are. As a result, extensive turf damage and large missed areas are likely. Before a heavy frost sets in the ground, we recommend that you take some time to properly mark your driveway boundaries. If you find that the soil is frozen, we recommend using a large screwdriver and a hammer to make a "pilot hole" in the soil first.

Additionally, please take a moment to evaluate your driveway to make sure that trees/shrubs and yard ornaments are set back appropriately from the driveway. We request a minimum clearance of 12' x 12'. Now is a great time to mail in your 2022 Snow Plow Fee as well. The 2022 Snow Plow form can be found on our website at [www.chenequa.org](http://www.chenequa.org).

Thank you for your cooperation. Cody Lincoln and Cody Hagfors (Foresters)

### SCAM ALERT Ransomware

Ransomware is an extremely lucrative type of cybercrime. Hackers use malicious software to encrypt a victim's files or lock an operating system and demand a ransom payment to make them functional again. Sometimes the hackers will steal and threaten to publish sensitive files if their demands are not met. Ransomware is designed to spread across a network and target database and file servers, so it can quickly paralyze an entire organization. But ransomware also can target individuals and companies of all sizes.

Tips to prevent a ransomware infection:

- NEVER click on unsafe links: Avoid clicking on links in spam messages or unknown websites.
- Always double check the address of the sender. Make sure it's a valid address.



## **Pine Lake Boat Launch**

### **Closed November 1- 20, 2021**

Starting Monday, November 1, 2021, the Pine Lake public boat launch will be closed for maintenance, repairs and improvements. It is estimated that the boat launch will remain closed until Saturday, November 20, 2021. During this closure, boat launching or retrieving from the public launch will not be possible.

It is advised that all piers and boats be removed from the water by October 31, 2021. The Village will work to notify area marine services. However, it is recommended that you reach out to your service provider to ensure your boat(s) and pier(s) are removed prior to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

After November 20<sup>th</sup> the launch will re-open for normal use. While unlikely, it is important to keep in mind that the north bay of Pine Lake may be iced over by the time the launch ramp re-opens. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cody Lincoln at Chenequa Village Hall via Phone: (262) 367-2239 or Email: [clincoln@chenequa.org](mailto:clincoln@chenequa.org)