



Village of Chenequa

April 2023 Newsletter

Spring is here!

Welcome Deanna Braunschweig!



On March 13, 2023, Deanna Braunschweig joined our amazing team at the Village of Chenequa. She is pictured above with Pamela Little, our previous Village Clerk-Treasurer. The previous Clerk, Jeanne O'Brien has retired and taken a different opportunity.

Deanna comes to us with 16 years of Clerk-Treasurer experience. Deanna is a WI Certified Municipal Clerk through the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) and currently is the WI District 5 co-coordinator. She is also a Certified Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Deanna is coming from the Village of Germantown where she was the Village Clerk-Treasurer and handled a population of 21,000. She is also the Village Clerk-Treasurer in Neosho in a part-time capacity.

We are very excited to have Deanna as part of our Chenequa Family. Stop in and say hi!

Did you know that the Village of Chenequa has a website? This is a great source of information for our residents as we are adding newsworthy information every week. You can see it for yourself at www.Chenequa.org.



Pine Lake Launch



Annual parking passes are available at the Village Hall, Monday through Friday 8am – 4:30pm and on Friday's from 8am – 3pm.

Village Hall will be closed April 7, 2023 for Good Friday

Please call (262) 446-5070 to reach an on-duty officer if you need any help.
Have a beautiful Easter celebration!

Forestry News



If there is any Oak / Elm pruning you wish to do on your property, **please make sure it is completed by April 15th**.

The warmer weather will activate sap and bark beetles which are known to spread Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm disease. The beetles are attracted to the wound of a fresh cut tree.

A good rule of thumb is don't prune oaks and elms between April 15th and October 15th. If you must prune between these dates, you must seal the wound with pruning seal immediately.

Reminder for Everyone



There is NO ILLEGAL dumping at the Pine or Beaver Lake Boat Launches.

These locations are monitored by security cameras. Violators are subject to citation and the cost of removal of any illegal dumped items.

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Dear Chenequa Residents,

The Village of Chenequa is a very unique place that cherishes our natural resources. I am continually impressed with the environmentally conscious stance of our community as it relates to our established forested areas, open agricultural areas, and our clean lakes. One of the most common things I hear from our residents is that they love living in an area that has an “Up-North look and feel, down here.” One of the key components of that “Up-North feel” is dark skies at night and the ability to see the stars. The Plan Commission and Village Board have been working to make changes to the Village of Chenequa lighting ordinance 5.24, to help preserve and enhance that experience we have come to love in Chenequa.

In the coming months, I will be adding a second page to the Village of Chenequa newsletter to provide educational information as it relates to outdoor lighting. The Village of Chenequa Ordinance 5.24 recent changes are; all outdoor lighting has to be downward directed and fully shielded; the light source (bulb) has to fall within 2000-3200 Kelvin. Thus, eliminating all uplighting with the exception of National Flags. Flag poles that are 20 feet or more, downlighting of the flag is suggested. I have included a picture below showing the Kelvin scale. The Kelvin scale is the light temperature. The easiest way to describe the limitations the Village has set (2000K-3200K) would be a soft white light. At this time existing residence’s outdoor lighting is not required to change but I’m hopeful that everyone will see the benefits and make the change(s) on their own. The Village urges residents to use outdoor lighting only when and where it is needed. If you are away, minimal outdoor lighting is highly suggested and appreciated.

Future topics that I will be sharing about outdoor lighting are: effects on human health, effects on the environment, and the effects on wildlife.



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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Neumer".

Daniel R. Neumer
Police Chief/Village Administrator