



Village of Chenequa

June 2023 Newsletter

Summer is here!

Election News



There are not any additional elections scheduled for the Village of Chenequa in 2023. Village of Chenequa is in the 99th Assembly District; the special election is in the 24th Assembly District.

The 2024 election schedule is listed below:

- February 20, 2024 Possible Spring Primary
- April 2, 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference
- August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary Election
- November 5, 2024 Fall Presidential Election

Village Updates



As a reminder to residents, Notice of Assessments will be mailed prior to Open Book.

Open book is from 2-4 p.m. on June 27, 2023 at the Village Hall, upstairs in the board room.

Mark Link, with Tyler Technologies, 800-800-2581 ext. 1634, will be available during that time to answer any assessment questions.

What to Do If You Find a Baby Bird

If the baby bird is fully feathered and hopping around, it is probably a fledgling. This means the bird has recently left the nest and probably can't fly well but is almost certainly doing just fine with parents close by. Please don't intervene! Watch from a distance and you will likely see the parents come in to feed and care for the youngster.

If the baby bird has little to no feathers and is not capable of moving about, it may be a nestling that has fallen from the nest. In this case, you may gently place the bird back in its nest, which should be nearby. The parents will return.

If the baby bird is sick, injured or orphaned (and you have observed the situation to be certain that this is the case), get in touch with a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in your area. (Search online or contact your local wildlife agency.)

Just remember: In most cases, the baby bird you've encountered is perfectly healthy and under the watchful eye of caring parents. Please leave it alone!

Article courtesy of: Environment for the Americas, News from the Flyways

For more resources on birds, visit: www.migratorybirdday.org/resources

Reminder for Everyone



With all the construction going on during the warmer months, it's important to remember that the Village does have an ordinance (5.25) on PERMISSIBLE TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

Memorial Day through Labor Day

- Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After Labor Day and Before Memorial Day

- Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday and Federal or State Holidays
No such work is permitted.



Refuse and Recycling Collection



Johns Disposal Service (262) 473-4700 | office@johnsdisposal.com

Up-The-Drive Service

The pickup for your home will be weekly on Friday. All waste should be placed in containers no larger than 40 gallons and not weighing more than 60 pounds (provided by homeowners). Recycling bins can be obtained from Johns Disposal. Pickup will be made from outside and next to your garage. Collections begin at 7:00 am. Please make sure your garbage and recycle is available for pickup by that time. Please also do the following:

- Garbage and recycle must be visible and in an easily accessible location and not "parked in" by vehicles.
- Materials should be rinsed, clean and ready for collection by 7:00 am.
- There are no limits on the number of recyclables that will be picked up. Additional recycling that does not fit in your recycling bin should be placed in an extra garbage can or plastic container.

Dear Chenequa Residents,

Welcome back to “The Second Page” where we discuss outdoor lighting and its effects on wildlife and surrounding nature. Many of you may know already, but for those that are new to the community, the Village of Chenequa has been a participant in Bird City USA and Tree City USA for the past 30+ years. One of our major objectives is maintaining a healthy ecosystem to uphold these accomplishments. Believe it or not, outdoor lighting plays a role in this concentration.

Outdoor lighting can disrupt the natural behaviors of nocturnal animals, especially lighting in the wrong LED color temperatures (bright white or blue, 600K – 10,000K). Choosing the proper LED light temperature (warm/amber 2,000K-3,200K) means it will operate at a wavelength for most animals not to notice a difference. “The day to night cycle is an essential part of nature, telling animals when to emerge to hunt, forage, migrate, and mate. When artificial light disrupts those natural light cues, wildlife from bugs to birds, and even plants, are seriously impacted. It’s a problem getting worse every year, but there are simple solutions to help wildlife and restore our night sky view, experts say.” (*National Geographic April 5, 2023 Sarah Gibbens*)

As I stated in the April 2023 Newsletter, 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. It is up to us to preserve the natural resources; forests, open space, wildlife, and clean waterways. This preservation also includes being conscious and respectful with our outdoor lighting. I have included links below to three articles related to this topic.

The Village of Chenequa 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.

Respectfully,

Daniel R. Neumer
Police Chief/ Village Administrator

<https://www.sepco-solarlighting.com/blog/why-wildlife-friendly-lighting-is-necessary-to-the-safety-of-nature>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/light-pollution-how-to-help-wildlife?loggedin=true&rnd=1685132700753>

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/city-lights-and-urban-wildlife/13410/>