



# Village of Chenequa

August 2023 Newsletter

Summer in the Village

## Boating Reminders



**Reminder for everyone:** all powered boats operating on any public waterway in the State of Wisconsin must have a Wisconsin Certificate of Number (registration) and expiration decals to operate a recreational vessel legally. The Certificate of Number (registration card) must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.

The registration number and expiration decals must be displayed as follows:

- Numbers must be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel.
- Number must be read from left to right.
- Number must be at least 3" high BLOCK letters.
- Numbers must contrast with the color of the vessel and be clearly visible and legible.
- Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space at least two inches wide.
- Decals must be affixed three inches behind (toward the stern) and in line with the number.
- Two-tones and camouflage numbers are not legal and should not be used.



For more rules regarding Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities, please visit: [THE HANDBOOK of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities](#)

## Beware of Scams!



Taxpayers see wave of summer email, text scams; IRS urges extra caution with flood of schemes involving Economic Impact Payments, Employee Retention Credits, tax refunds.

The Economic Impact Payment scheme:

This is currently the highest volume email scheme the IRS is seeing. Emails hitting inboxes with titles like: "Third Round of Economic Impact Payments Status Available." The IRS has seen thousands of these emails reported since the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday period.

As a reminder: Never click on any unsolicited communication claiming to be the IRS or anyone else as it may surreptitiously load malware. It may also be a way for malicious hackers to load ransomware that keeps the legitimate user from accessing their system and files.

Individuals should never respond to tax-related phishing or smishing or click on any URL link. Instead, scams should be reported by sending the email or a copy of the text/ SMS as an attachment to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

The IRS also warns taxpayers to be wary of messages that appear to be from friends or family but that are possibly stolen or compromised email or text accounts from someone they know. This remains a popular way to target individuals and tax preparers for a variety of scams. Individuals should verify the identity of the sender by using another communication method; for instance, calling a number they independently know to be accurate, not the number provided in the email or text.

For more information, please visit: [News Releases for Current Month | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](#)

## Village News



The Plan Commission and Village Board of Trustees meet on the second Monday of every month starting at 6pm. Currently, these meetings are held virtually utilizing Zoom Communications. The link to attend the meeting virtually is in the packets along with the agendas and they can be found online:

<https://chenequa.org/government/meeting-information-agendas-minutes/>

If you have plans that needs to be reviewed by the Plan Commission: plans for consideration at these meetings must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the Plan Commission meeting and should have been reviewed during a discussion of the conceptual/ preliminary plans with our Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector, and the Applicant first.