



Village of Chenequa

February 2024 Newsletter

2024 Dog License(s) and Snow Plow Due

Please be sure to fill out a 2024 Snow Plow Agreement and 2024 Dog License Application. Per ordinance 8.16-7 – A dog license shall be required as provided by Section 174.05 Wisconsin Statutes for any dog over 5 months. Prior to the issuance of the license the owner shall present evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies.



Welcome to the Chenequa Family!

Please welcome part-time Officer Chelsea Gaenslen (pictured with Chief Neumer) to Chenequa. Chelsea worked as a Full-Time Officer for the City of Muskego PD for almost 6 years and was primarily assigned second shift during that time.

You will see Chelsea bouncing around on various shifts over the next month as she acclimates to the Village of Chenequa and begins her training.

Chelsea is going to be a great addition to our team. WELCOME aboard Chelsea!!

Tax Collection

Only full payment or first installment of tax payments may be made at the Village Hall prior to January 31, 2024.

Second installments should be sent to the Waukesha County Treasurer after January 31, 2024.

Mail Checks Payable to:
Waukesha County Treasurer
515 W Moreland Blvd,
Room 148
Waukesha, WI 53188

Thank you – Deanna

Unsafe Ice Conditions in Our Community

Fluctuating temperatures, mixed precipitation and other factors are making ice unsafe to walk or drive on across much of the state, despite recent snowfall and subzero temperatures. Be prepared for the elements by checking conditions before you head out. If your plans included access to or use of an ice-covered waterbody, contact your local fishing clubs, bait shops or outfitters for ice conditions. Remember that the DNR does not monitor ice conditions and that no ice is safe ice.

Think twice before going near cold water or ice. Cold water is always dangerous. It can be life-threatening if you fall into cold water and do not have protection from the temperature or a life jacket to help you stay afloat. You can experience cold shock, which can cause dramatic changes in your breathing, heart rate and blood pressure, or incapacitation, where you lose the use of your hands and then your arms and legs. These things can lead to hypothermia a significant and potentially dangerous drop in body temperature.

Know the symptoms of hypothermia: Shivering, Numbness, Glassy Stare, Indifference and Loss of Consciousness. Take the person's temperature if you notice any of the above signs. If it is below 95° F, get medical attention immediately! Learn more about ice safety on the DNR's website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety>

Be safe around cold water and ice, and remember, no ice is safe ice.

Using Aerators and Aeration Systems

Knowing your options

Heaving ice and ice buildup can dislocate pilings, footings and other waterway structures during the winter months. When boating season is over, many landowners avoid such potential impacts by choosing to remove piers, docks and other structures from the water prior to ice up.

Aerators can be a helpful tool to lengthen the structural life of permanent waterway structures. Proper installation, size of waterbody, ice force, and other factors can influence the overall success of this practice. Many landowners choose to attach an aerator or circulator to a pier to maintain open water in the vicinity. As a general rule of thumb, installing these devices to existing authorized structures such as piers does not require permitting; however, additional DNR permitting may be required if you are placing a free-standing structure on the lake bed or actions result in lake bed or river bottom disturbance. Visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/avoidIceDamage.html> for more information.



Knowing the rules can help keep people safe and help protect structures from ice damage

State Regulations:

DNR permitting is not required provided:

1. The aeration system is attached to a legal structure (pier, retaining wall, etc.). This can be a previously permitted structure or a structure that is exempt from permitting.
2. The mixing action from the aerator does not disturb the lake bottom. Pointing the aerator flow perpendicular to the lakbed or towards the water surface will help ensure that the lake bottom is not significantly disturbed.

If these standards cannot be met, please visit dnr.wi.gov, keyword, "water permit"

Other Regulations:

In order to protect public safety, ice holes formed from an aerator must be marked with one of the following methods. Please contact the local sheriff's department to report a violation of this requirement (s. 167.26, Wis. Stats.):

- Erect and maintain a barricade around the holes consisting of uprights that are spaced at adequate intervals to maintain the barricade and that are connected by a continuous rope, cord, or similar material placed at least 2.5 feet and not more than 4.5 feet off the surface. The connecting rope, cord, or similar material shall have reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted ribbon or tape or other reflectorized devices attached to it, so as to be highly visible, and shall be of sufficient strength to allow for the retrieval of the barricade following melting of the ice.
- Erect and maintain a visual warning mechanism that is highly visible and that is reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted.

Other Best Practices:

Please be aware you may be liable for any accidents that occur due to improperly marked ice holes. Disputes between neighboring landowners may be handled through a civil action. To avoid accidents or injuries, here are some additional best practices that should be followed:

- Limit the open water in the pier vicinity by orienting the circulator to create an upflow of water;
- Operate the aerator or circulator on a timer to limit run time to the duration necessary to keep the pier ice free;
- Install the aerator in a manner that avoids impacting the ice on your neighbor's property or creates unsafe ice conditions in recreational areas known to be used by for ice skaters, fishermen, snowmobilers, etc.