# Village of Chenequa

## April 2024 Newsletter

Spring is here!

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.

## Police News

#### **Rise in QR Code Scams**

QR (Quick Response) codes have grown in use since 2020, when businesses incorporated them during COVID-19 for contactless transactions. And since then there's been an increase in QR code security threats and scams.

Scanning a QR code could open a URL and identity criminals can embed malicious software into the digital barcode. Scammers hide harmful links in fake QR codes to steal personal information. Scammers send QR codes by text asking you to confirm account information or contact them about a delivery by clicking through the harmful link.

#### Be a QR Code Sceptic:

- Only scan codes from a trusted source that you're familiar with.
- Don't scan a QR code that looks like it was physically pasted on top of another one.
- Look for things that might seem unusual like asking for logins, passwords or payment information.
- Do not scan from an email or text you were not expecting until you confirm it's legitimate.



Pine Lake Launch – Pier is in!!

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

#### **Burn Permits**

Please remember that permission to burn is required for EVERY fire. The permit is obtained by calling the Village Hall and giving your name and address. If the weather conditions are clear for burning, we will take your name and note that permission was given on that particular day.

### No permits will be issued when winds are above 9 miles per hour per the Fire Chief.

Please call only when you are ready to burn, as permits cannot be given in advance. (262) 367-2145

# Forestry News

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you must prune between these dates, you must seal the wound with pruning seal immediately.

| Election Day is HERE ! Tuesday, April 2, 2024   | Reminder for Everyone   |
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| The polls will be open for the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2024 from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Voting will take place at the Village Hall located at 31275 W County Road K in the Village of Chenequa. | The weather is starting to get nice and the activity on the lake<br>is picking up, but the water temperature is still very cold. If<br>you plan on enjoying your kayak or paddle board during the<br>spring season, please remember to wear your PFD. |
| Polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters.   | Because the water temperatures are so cold, should you suddenly find yourself in the water, your body could   |
| *** We have sample ballots on our website for you to review prior to coming in to vote.   | experience shock and hypothermia quickly. Wearing a life jacket, significantly increases the chance of survival.  |