



# Village of Chenequa

October 2024 Newsletter

Fall has arrived!

## Halloween Trick or Treat

October 31 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

### Welcome to the Chenequa Family!

Please welcome part-time Officer Eric Strunsee (pictured with Chief Neumer) to Chenequa. Eric has worked for the City of Hartford Police Department for the past 6 years as a late shift patrol officer and is also a member of their tactical team.

Eric is an active member of the Army National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2018. Eric attended the WCTC Recruit Academy where Chief Neumer was one of his Firearm's Instructors.

Eric's background and well-rounded experience will be an asset to the Village. We are very excited to have Eric join our department!



### Snowbird & Vacation House Watch

If you are leaving town for more than a couple of days and would like the Police Department to make a daily check of your home, please call us so we can fill out a [House Check Report](#) form for you or click on the link above and email it back to us at: [policeclerk@chenequa.org](mailto:policeclerk@chenequa.org).

If you will be gone for four weeks or longer, please be sure to call John's Disposal (262-473-4700) to pause your garbage pick-up while you are away.

If you have questions, feel free to call:

Chenequa Police Department  
Non-emergency line:  
262-367-2145

## Forestry News

As cooler weather arrives, the Village of Chenequa Forestry Department will soon be prepping all our trucks with their corresponding snowplows and salt spreaders. As we begin to prep our winter equipment, now is a great time to make sure your driveways are also ready for winter. This includes installing plow markers before the heavy frost sets in the ground, moving objects away from the edges of the driveway, and clearing overgrown brush to allow enough space for our large trucks to pass through. Chenequa Village Ordinance 5.23 specifies that driveways must have at least 10' of vertical clearance from overhanging tree limbs and 2' of clearance along each side of the driveway. Now is a great time to mail in your 2025 Snow Plow Fee as well. **The fee has increased to \$200 this year and must be received by the Village Hall by December 30, 2024.** The Snow Plow Form can be found on our website at <https://chenequa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2025-Snow-Plow-Agreement.pdf>.

As many are aware, the Village offers a unique snowplow service for private driveways to best serve our residents in the winter months. The intention of this service is to provide reasonable access throughout the winter for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving and for emergency vehicles.

Residents who choose to use the snowplow service can expect their driveway to be cleared within **6-12 hours** of the snowfall subsiding. As a general rule of thumb, the Village will provide plow services when snow totals are 2" or greater, and usually more frequently on shared main drives and steep hills. The plow service offered by the Village does not include hand shoveling, plowing outbuildings or close to garage doors, plowing the entire width of all driveways, or guaranteeing completion of plowing by any particular time of the day.

### Ways you can help us help you during a snowstorm:

- Make sure all cars are cleared away from areas you want to have plowed.
- Push snow away from structures, towards the center of the driveways before plows arrive.
- Make sure pets and children are indoors when plow trucks are coming through.

Thank you for your cooperation. Cody Lincoln and Cody Hagfors

## Management of Woody Invasive Plants

One very common question we get in the Highway/Forestry Department is “What can I do about all the buckthorn (or other invasive plants) that have taken over my woods?” It’s a great question. As invasive plants seem to become more and more prevalent, many are wondering what can be done to control them.

Some of the most common woody invasive species in the Village of Chenequa include buckthorn, honeysuckle, Japanese barberry, Russian and autumn olive, and Oriental bittersweet (vine). All these plants are considered invasive since they are not native to our area and can spread quickly – often outcompeting native plants for limiting resources such as water, sunlight, and soil nutrients.

While the most effective management techniques can vary slightly from species to species, there are many different methods that can produce quality results over a wide variety of species. Control methods are usually broken up into 2 types: chemical and non-chemical. Chemical controls include the use of herbicides. Depending on the herbicide, these can be applied to either the leaves, stem, or cut-stump. When using chemical control methods, it’s extremely important to follow all directions on the label of the specific herbicide being used. Non-chemical control methods include techniques such as mowing, removal by hand (cutting or pulling), and prescribed burns.

No matter the control method chosen, it should be noted that annual follow-up will be required. Removal of an invasive species is a multi-year process. Over time as the control methods are implemented, annual maintenance will be significantly reduced, but the first few years will require the most intensive follow-up.

Managing these invasive plants can often seem like a daunting task. For those eager to take on the project, there are many benefits to doing so. Removal of invasive species helps alleviate competition for the desirable native plants, allowing them to grow more vigorously. Once native plants are restored, species diversity will increase, soil erosion will decrease, native wildlife habitat will be reestablished, and property values can also benefit. For those seeking more information regarding the best management techniques, the Midwest Invasive Plant Network has an outstanding database showing the most effective control methods for different invasive species: <https://mipncontroldatabase.wisc.edu/> As always, if you have further questions, feel free to contact the Highway/Forestry Department, we would be happy to assist you.

Cody Lincoln and Cody Hagfors





**Barberry**



**Oriental  
Bittersweet**

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**Honeysuckle**



## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- who has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

### **Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

- your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
- the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above your signature
- a copy of your photo identification\*

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:**

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, October 31.

\*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

\*\*Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

### **Voting an absentee ballot in person**

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Deanna Braunschweig, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
31275 W. County Road K; Chenequa, Wisconsin;  
(262) 367-2239

October 22 – October 24, 8 am to 4:30 pm;

October 25, 8 am – 3 pm

October 28 – October 31, 8 am – 4:30 pm;

November 1, 8 am – 5 pm

**The deadline for making application to vote absentee by mail is:**

5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, October 31, 2024.

**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:**

Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:**

5 pm on the Friday before the election, Friday, November 1, 2024.

No in-person absentee voting may occur the day before the election.

The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on November 5, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.