



# Village of Chenequa

February 2025 Newsletter

February Primary Election – 02/18/2025

## 2025 Dog License(s) and Snow Plow Due

Please be sure to fill out a 2025 Snow Plow Agreement and 2025 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.



## Life Saving Award!

In January, Officer Chochola was awarded the Life Saving Award from the Village of Chenequa for his successful effort in saving a human life which involved exceptional courage and performance. In September of 2024 Officer Chochola assisted the Lake Country Fire Department with a fully engulfed fire at an apartment complex in the City of Delafield. He saved the life of a civilian and her dog who were trapped in an apartment by the fire. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe!!!

## Tax Collection

Only full payment or first installment of tax payments may be made at the Village Hall prior to January 31, 2025.

Second installments should be sent to the Waukesha County Treasurer after January 31, 2025.

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

## 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.

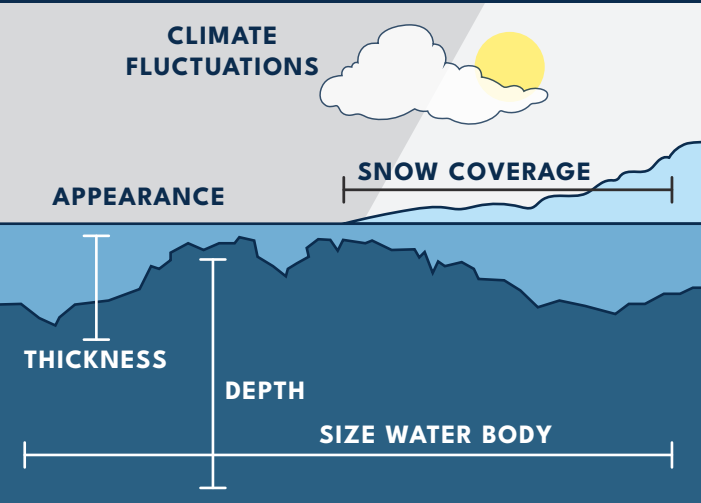
Think twice before going near cold water or ice. Cold water is always dangerous. It can be life-threatening if you fall into cold water and do not have protection from the temperature or a life jacket to help you stay afloat. You can experience cold shock, which can cause dramatic changes in your breathing, 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.

# FACTS ABOUT ICE

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



Recognize that determining the safety of ice is dependent on a combination of factors, **not on one factor alone, including:**

- ▲ Appearance of the ice – its color, texture and features
- ▲ Thickness of the ice
- ▲ Cracks
- ▲ External temperature over a period of time and on the day
- ▲ Amount of sunlight
- ▲ Wind
- ▲ Snow coverage
- ▲ Depth of water under ice
- ▲ Size of water body
- ▲ Springs and currents
- ▲ Inlets and outlets
- ▲ Local climate fluctuations
- ▲ Extent of ice

- ▲ Consider all ice unpredictable.
- ▲ Ice is never completely safe under any conditions.
- ▲ Check local ice conditions – bait shops, radio, local establishments, etc.
- ▲ Wear proper clothing and equipment.



- ▲ Bring a buddy – don't go alone.
- ▲ Let people know where you will be going and returning home.
- ▲ Do not venture out in unfamiliar areas.
- ▲ Avoid being on the ice at night.



## Ice Safety

Know Before You Go!

**BE PREPARED:** ✓

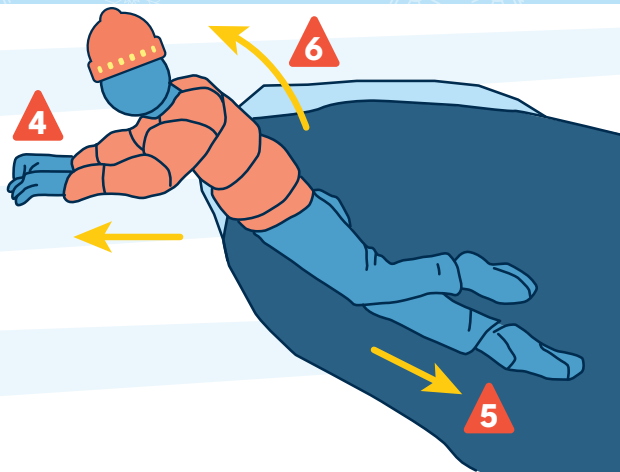
Make sure to carry this essential equipment, and know how to use it:

- Spud bar
- Ice picks
- Lifejacket
- Rope
- Float-coat
- Ice cleats
- GPS/navigation
- Cell phone



## IF YOU FALL IN –

### USE ICE SELF-RESCUE



- 1** Don't panic – remain calm and continue breathing.
- 2** Keep your clothing on – it will help you float.
- 3** Go back the same direction you came, as the ice is strongest there.
- 4** Place your hands or picks on the ice.
- 5** Kick your legs and pull yourself out.
- 6** Remain flat and roll or slide onto the ice.
- 7** Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area and rewarm yourself immediately.

## PLAN FOR OTHERS

### REACH

If you can, extend an object such as a rope, shovel or other equipment.

If the person starts to pull you in, release your grip and start over.

### THROW

Toss a rope to the victim and have them tie it around themselves before they lose motor functions



### ROW

Find a light boat to push across the ice to the hole. Get in the boat and pull the victim over the bow.

If possible, tie a rope to the boat so others can pull you back from the hole.

## MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

Common sense is the greatest ally in preventing ice-related accidents.

That includes checking ice conditions and preparing yourself before venturing out.

One rule of thumb remains the same:

# TREAT ALL ICE AS UNSAFE

