



# Village of Chenequa

April 2025 Newsletter

Spring is here!

## Pine Lake Launch – Pier is in!!

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

## Spring Clean – Up!

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A good rule of thumb is to wait until the temperatures are consistently about 50 degrees F. This will help protect habitat in the spring and ensure you have a robust and healthy pollinator population and overall garden ecosystem.

Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, Johns Disposal will have a yard waste dumpster/ drop off at their Whitewater facility, located at 105 County Rd U, Whitewater, WI.

- Hours are Monday through Friday 8am – 4:30pm.
- The drop off is closed on weekends and holidays.
- Yard waste should be “pure” with no plastic, wire or twine/tape. Compostable paper bags are accepted. Compostable **plastic bags** are **NOT** accepted by Johns Disposal because they are not accepted at compost sites.
- Trailer loads are NOT accepted, and contractors are NOT to dump at their facility.

For more information, please visit their website. <https://www.johnsdisposal.com/municipalities/chenequa-village/>

## Forestry News

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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>** to minimize the risk of Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm disease. 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 to help prevent infection of these lethal tree diseases.

Also, as the ground thaws and the days get longer, tree buds will start to slowly open up and trees will come out of dormancy. If you have any newly planted trees from the last few years, now is the time to begin watering, especially if we do not get enough spring rain. It is essential that new trees get between 1” and 2” of water each week for the first few years until the roots get established.



## Election Day is HERE! Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The polls will be open for the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025 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.

\*\*\* We have sample ballots on our website for you to review prior to coming in to vote. \*\*\*

## Lawn and Fertilization & Buffer Zones

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There is absolutely **no fertilizer allowed within 20 feet** of North and Pine Lakes. Lawn fertilizer beyond 20 feet must be phosphorous free. Fertilizing within 20 feet of the lake, in addition to being illegal in the Village, negatively effects the lake. It causes algae and aquatic plant growth. This also reduces water clarity on the lake you and your neighbors live on. With the cooperation of all lake residents, we can assure a better tomorrow on the lake.

## Reminder for Everyone

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The weather is starting to get nice and the activity on the lake is picking up, but the water temperature is still very cold. If you plan on enjoying your kayak or paddle board during the spring season, please remember to wear your PFD.

Because the water temperatures are so cold, should you suddenly find yourself in the water, your body could experience shock and hypothermia quickly. Wearing a life jacket, significantly increases the chance of survival.