



Village of Chenequa

September 2025 Newsletter

Getting Ready for Fall



Because of the Labor Day Holiday, Johns Disposal will be delayed by one day.



Chenequa Housekeeping: Help Us Keep You Safe & Connected

As we move into the season, it's a great time for a little community "housekeeping." Please take a moment to review the following to ensure your home and contact information are up to date with the Village:

Is Your Home Secure?

Whether you're here year-round or seasonally, we encourage all residents to:

- Check alarm systems and ensure they're functioning properly.
- Update keyholder information (in case of emergency access).
- Notify the Village Police if you'll be away for an extended period—we offer home watch services to help give you peace of mind.
- If you would like an Officer to come and perform a Security Survey on your home, please contact the Village PD, (262) 367-2145, we would be happy to do so.

Do We Have Your Latest Contact Info?

Having accurate contact information helps us reach you quickly when it matters most. If you've recently changed your:

- Phone number
- Email address
- Mailing address

Please let us know! You can update your details by calling the Village PD, sending a quick email or by filling out the attached Residential Security Information sheet and emailing it to policeclerk@chenequa.org.

Keeping your information current helps us serve you better—and helps keep Chenequa the safe and connected community we all value.

Feel free to reach out with any questions!

Bowhunting Season Starts

Archery and Crossbow hunting start September 13 and run through January 31, 2026. Please remember, if you have given someone permission to hunt on your property, please be sure we have an updated "Bow Hunting/ Permission to Hunt" form on file for your property.

See Cody Lincoln's attachment regarding the Village of Chenequa's 29th Season of Deer Herd Management and the bow hunting season with links to the DNR and the Bow Hunting/ Permission to Hunt form.

Oak Wilt Season Starts

It's also Oak Wilt season. Cody Hagfors and Cody Lincoln will soon be out looking at properties that have been identified to have oak wilt in the past as oak cutting season begins. Oak cutting season runs from November through March. Please see the Oak Wilt Fact sheet attached for more information regarding oak wilt and how it spreads and how to best manage it.

Village of Chenequa: 29th Season of Deer Herd Management

The Village of Chenequa is preparing for its twenty-ninth season of deer herd management. As many are well aware, the herd reduction harvest is conducted in an attempt to help stabilize our resident deer population. Past helicopter surveys, visual observations and resident complaints have made it apparent that we continue to have an overabundance of whitetail deer in our community.

Why Deer Numbers Are High in Chenequa

Several factors contribute to our ongoing deer overpopulation:

- 1.) Low predation
- 2.) Limited hunting pressure
- 3.) Abundant habitat, food and water sources
- 4.) Mild winter conditions

Program Overview

This program originated in the 90's, well before archery hunting was legal in the Village. In many ways, our program today remains unchanged from when it originated. For those who don't know; the Village coordinates with various private land owners to set-up and maintain elevated hunting blinds and bait sites. Typically, our contracted sharp shooters will begin their season during the second week in December and continue until they have filled the allotted tags for the year. For reference, the Village has a goal to harvest 60 deer with this program during the winter of 2025/2026.

How You Can Help

- 1.) Sharp Shooting Locations
 - The program heavily relies on the cooperation of residents who have an overabundance of deer on their property. If you feel that your property has an overabundance and is safe for the use of a centerfire rifle, please do not hesitate to contact the Village, we will come out to assess your property for suitable locations.
- 2.) Venison Lottery
 - Deer harvested through this program are available to the public through our "Venison Lottery." If you, or someone you know is interested in entering this lottery, please submit a 3"x 5" index card to the Village with the applicant's name, property address and telephone number. The drawing will be conducted during the first week in December. Those selected will receive a call from our contracted sharp shooters when a deer has been harvested. The expectation is to pick-up the field dressed carcass within 24 hours of the phone call.

Bowhunting: Another Way to Contribute

In addition to the Village's sharp shooting program, you, the residents can take action on your own property. Here in Waukesha County, the Wisconsin deer archery season begins September 13th 2025 and will go through January 31st 2026. Archery hunting in Chenequa is legal, however it is important to read and abide by the rules and regulations established in the [Wisconsin Hunting Regulations Handbook](#) and [Village Ordinance 8.4 "Prohibited Hunting."](#) In addition to Village and DNR regulations, it is important to maintain open communication with neighboring land owners about your intentions to hunt.

If you wish to give other hunters permission to hunt your property, please consider a few things.

- 1.) A ["Bow Hunting /Permission to Hunt"](#) form is available on our website and should be filled out and submitted to the Village Hall prior to hunting
- 2.) Many bowhunters seek permission to hunt in hopes that they might harvest one of the mature, "trophy" bucks that Chenequa has a reputation of producing. While legal, the harvest of antlered deer does very little to help control our resident deer population. To help assist in the control of our deer population,

residents in the Village should consider requiring the harvest of 3 antlerless deer before allowing the harvest of an antlered deer.

- 3.) After December 1st 2025, the Village will have bonus antlerless tags that are available FREE OF CHARGE. These tags will only be available in limited quantities. Please contact Cody Lincoln if you or a hunter on your property is interested in obtaining a tag.

If you have any additional questions or comments regarding the Villages Sharp Shooting program or bowhunting in the Village, please feel free to contact Cody Lincoln at [262.367.2239](tel:262.367.2239) or via email clincoln@chenequa.org

Oak Wilt Fact Sheet

What is oak wilt?

Oak wilt is a serious (and common) tree disease throughout Chenequa. It is most common and lethal in red oaks but can affect white and bur oak oaks as well. Oak wilt is caused by a fungus (*Bretziella fagacearum*) and once infected, trees will usually die within a span of a few months or less. With the number of mature red oaks present in Chenequa forests, oak wilt has the potential to have significant negative impacts on our natural landscape if left unmanaged.

How does it spread?

Oak wilt has 2 primary modes of spreading: above-ground transmission via a sap-feeding beetle



<https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/thermal-models/oak-wilt>

and below-ground transmission via root grafts. Above-ground transmission happens when an oak tree is wounded (usually from pruning or storm damage) during warm-weather months when sap feeding beetles are active. These beetles are attracted to the scent of a freshly wounded oak and when they feed on a wounded tree, these beetles may inadvertently carry the fungus that causes oak wilt, thereby infecting that tree. In these cases, you will generally see a single dead or rapidly defoliating oak surrounded by other healthy trees, as seen pictured left.

Below-ground transmission happens when infected oak trees are in close proximity to healthy oaks of the same species and their roots are grafted together, allowing the fungus to spread from tree to tree via root grafts. Over several years, this can have devastating effects on a forest if left unmanaged, as seen pictured right. In order to stop below-ground transmission, there needs to be a break between the root grafts of infected and healthy oaks. As a general rule of thumb, roots extend slightly past the canopy dripline of the tree, so if the canopies of 2 trees are touching, it can be assumed they have roots grafted between them.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak_wilt

How can you manage your forest to minimize the effects of oak wilt?

1. Prevention is key – do not prune or wound oaks from April through October
2. If you have infected tree(s), remove them promptly once oak cutting season begins
3. Consider additional management techniques as site conditions and circumstances allow:
 - a. Trenching to disrupt root grafts between infected and healthy oaks
 - b. Preemptively removing healthy red oaks within grafting distance of infected oaks to isolate the oak wilt pocket
 - c. Fungicide injections as a preventative measure to protect your most valuable oaks

As always, if you have any questions regarding identifying, treating, or managing oak wilt on your property, feel free to contact the Highway/Forestry Department and we would be happy to make a site visit and offer any recommendations we have to protect your forest.



Chenequa Police Department

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIAL

Date: _____

Is this a rental property: ☐ Yes ☐ No Is this your Primary Residence: ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Residential Information for: _____

Address: _____

☐ Primary or ☐ Secondary Residence where you can be reached:

Address _____

Phone #s _____

Phone Numbers _____ or _____

Cell Phone numbers _____ or _____

Email address(es): _____

Knox Box? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, where located: _____

Security System ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Police ☐ Fire

Company Name _____

Phone Number _____

Alarm Codes (optional): Arm _____ Disarm _____

Keyholders to Residence: Friends, relatives, or neighbors who may be of assistance to Law Enforcement in the event of an emergency.

1) Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ or _____



Chenequa Police Department

2) Name_____

Address_____

Phone #_____ or _____

3) Name_____

Address_____

Phone #_____ or _____

Place of Employment:_____ Position:_____

Work Phone #s_____ or _____

Cell Phone #s_____

Email Addresses_____

Any additional information that may be helpful and of assistance in case of emergency:
